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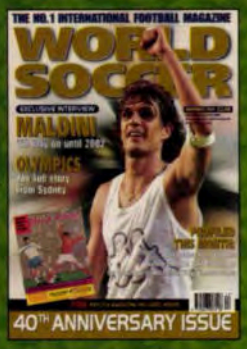

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IT'S HARD to believe, but *World Soccer* is 40 years old this month. We have come a long way over the past four decades – as you can see from the very first edition of the magazine, which we have reprinted and presented free with this issue.

A lot of people need to be thanked for helping *World Soccer* reach this milestone: the sponsors and advertisers who backed us when world football did not have the audience that it has today; the correspondents and contributors who have filed copy from all corners of the globe; the journalists, coaches and administrators who have ensured that *World Soccer* is read at the highest levels of the game; but above all, you, the reader, for staying loyal to us for all these years. Your loyalty never ceases to amaze and humble us – I can only promise that we will strive to maintain the standards we have set ourselves over the past 40 years. You deserve nothing less.

This month, we report from the Olympics, talk to Paolo Maldini and open the voting for this year's *World Soccer* Awards. Please take the trouble to vote.

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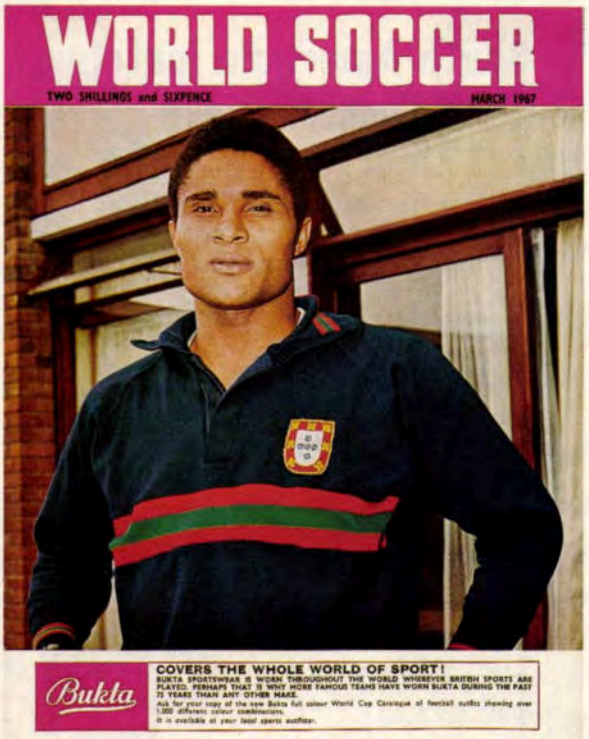

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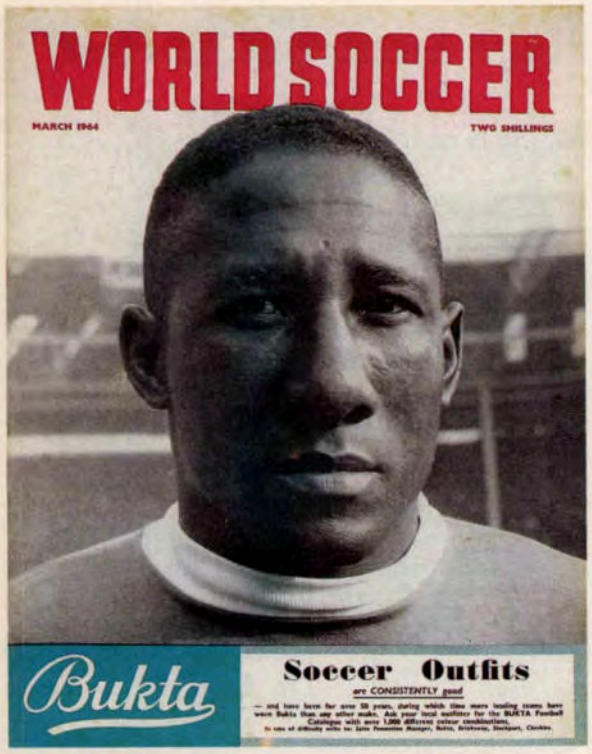

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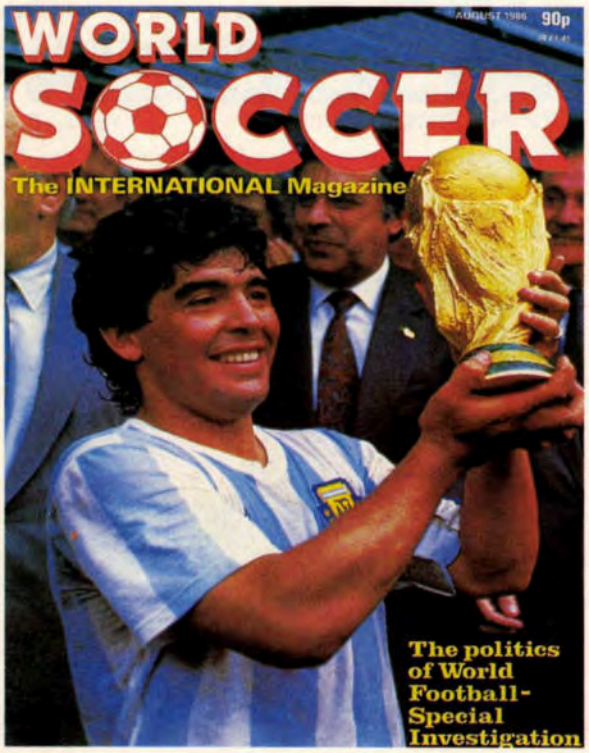

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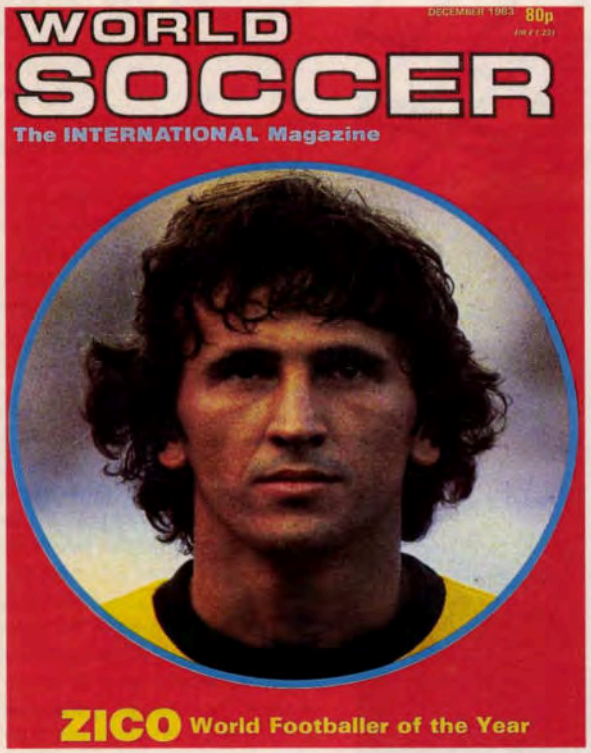

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Keir Radnedge

COMMENTARY

Flawed choice...Alison Ryan at Old Trafford before the storm broke

'United should have thought twice before appointing a PR chief'

Ryan's slaughter

MANCHESTER UNITED'S appointment of the club's first public relations director certainly drew attention to Old Trafford... but not the sort chief executive Peter Kenyon had expected.

Alison Ryan was signed on a £120,000 contract from media group NTL with high-flying legal qualifications.

It turned out, however, that Ryan had been debarred from practising law last year. She claimed she had gained a first-class degree from Cambridge when she had only achieved a second, and wrongly claimed to have gained a distinction in the Bar vocational course.

Also, she gave the name of a reference who she falsely claimed was a lecturer at Manchester Metropolitan University. She also failed to appear before the Bar disciplinary committee and instead went to Cuba, claiming she was doing charity work.

In the wake of these revelations, Ryan declined to take up her new post.

Clearly, she was the wrong choice. Not on one count, however, but two. First, she lied about her background. On one level, you can understand that if not condone it. But her second blunder was much worse – it was in believing that, at the epicentre of soccer's media circus, she could get away with the lie.

The media was always going to be highly sceptical about a PR chief with no apparent working background in the game. The stratagem of set a thief to catch a thief works well in this sphere. For example, Steve Double, the FA's highly effective press officer, switched to Lancaster Gate after a notable career as a tabloid newspaper's investigative reporter.

Generally, the football media treats all press officers with caution if not contempt – believing that most are employed to keep them at bay, rather than assist and enlighten.

The problem with a PR appointment for a club such as Manchester United is that the job entails not only dealing with the press but with a wide range of other high-level promotional activities.

Perhaps, as United go back to square one, they might consider splitting the job. Appoint a corporate high-flier, by all means, for the upper-level promotional stuff. But appoint a top newspaper reporter – and there are plenty in the north-west who would excel – to handle the media side. Two heads are, after all, always better than one.

Prepare for T-Day

OCTOBER 31, remember, is T-Day. That is the deadline by which UEFA's 'transfer taskforce' must sort out its game plan for the decisive last stage of negotiations with the European Commission.

Contrary to a lot of misleading headlines and panic reaction, the EC does not want to abolish the transfer system. The logical conclusion of such a development would be to prevent players moving between clubs altogether.

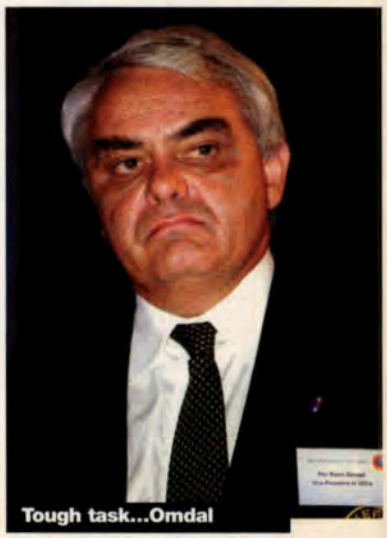
However, it does want a system that treats players as human beings rather than as lumps of meat in the cattle market.

Taskforce chairman Per Ravn Omdal says: "We are not going to rush to final conclusions. We will undertake a programme of research and consultation to help take our thinking forward and shape our proposals. The timetable is tight but we are confident that we can produce solutions which will support the proper development of professional football in Europe."

Committee-speak, maybe. But if Omdal leads UEFA safely out of a political minefield partly of its own making, he will deserve a gesture of thanks from the European game. Perhaps even the UEFA presidency in the not too distant future.

Lennart Johansson is now 70 and is well aware that he needs to take a little more care of himself after the heart scare which led to his admission to hospital in Adelaide during the Olympic Games. The Swede, who had a pacemaker fitted, was apparently soon back in fine form, according to UEFA chief executive Gerd Aigner.

Johansson has presided over the financial explosion within European football. One assumes that, in two years' time, he will step aside. With the departure of Egidius Braun and the eclipse of Antonio Matarrese, a fellow Scandinavian such as Omdal will be high among the bookies' best bets for a successor.



Tough task...Omdal

Vialli...five trophies not enough

Learning the lessons of Luca

THE lessons of Chelsea's on-off romance with Gianluca Vialli should be heeded by every club director everywhere, but especially in Britain.

A record of one win in five games is enough, of course, to start the whispers. Failure on the pitch is generally blamed on the manager, and chairmen enhance that attitude because they invariably give the boss the sack. Very rarely is the chairman, the man ultimately responsible for the success of the club, handed his cards. Even when he is – like Doug Ellis by Aston Villa fans recently – he can fall back on his shareholding shield to maintain power.

One factor specific to British football contributed to Vialli's downfall. Only in the British game can a man be a player one day and manager the next. Most other countries impose qualification demands on any prospective team manager. Hence, Chelsea knew that extra patience would be needed to support Vialli through periods blighted by his inexperience and consequent misjudgment. Chelsea, apparently, did not understand the demands of the risk they took.

Furthermore, a manager does not go bad overnight. If you lack confidence in your manager, the time to replace him is in the close season. Chelsea's timing was the worst possible. Any club with money and ambition knows no superstar coach worth his reputation will be sitting there, out of a job and waiting for the phone to ring, come the autumn.

Claudio Ranieri has been modestly successful in Serie A. But he is not up on the top level with Sven Goran Eriksson, Giovanni Trapattoni, Fabio Capello and Arrigo Sacchi, for example.

The only bright spot for Chelsea was the five trophies in two years which made Vialli the most successful manager in the club's history. That was the Italian's real crime. He was so successful so soon that a few mediocre results appeared, by contrast, to be freefall disaster.

Maradona sells out

DIEGO Maradona has turned best-selling author. Is there no end to the talents streaming from the Hand of God?

His ghosted autobiography, *Yo Soy El Diego*, is setting publishing records in Argentina. All 125,000 copies of the first edition were sold out within four days of going on sale. The hastily-printed second edition is expected to sell a further 65,000 in double-quick time.

That will still leave Maradona some way short, however, of the 350,000 sales racked up by author Horacio Verbitsky's investigation into corruption under the government of Carlos Menem.

For G14, read G15

G14 may be about to become G15 within weeks of Europe's biggest clubs formalising their polygamous 'marriage' in order to present a unified front in dealings with FIFA, UEFA and, even more crucial, sponsors and TV companies.

Now Valencia have been invited to join the group, whose motivation to formalise their partnership was provided by European Commission moves to revamp the European transfer system.

Adamant...Blanco

Drawing a blank from Blanco

IT IS hard to understand the rationale of coach Raul Blanco who, despite Australia's early exit from the Olympic Games tournament, refused to send striker Mark Viduka back to Leeds as soon as possible.

Leeds requested Viduka's return after Australia's defeat by Nigeria meant they could not qualify for the quarter-finals, despite winning their last group match against Honduras.

Given the problems in obtaining the release of Europe-based players, Australia might have considered a gesture of goodwill. However Blanco said: "Leeds have been selfish and shown us no respect, so why should I show them any? We owed the Australian public something to celebrate after the loyalty they had shown us."

When it comes to securing Viduka's release in future, senior national team coach Frank Farina may feel Blanco's notion of loyalty is misplaced.

Oceania split by Dempsey succession

OCEANIA'S congress to elect a presidential successor to World Cup vote abstainer Charles Dempsey ended in chaos as farcical as the 2006 denouement.

Dempsey resigned in July after abstaining in the final vote for the 2006 World Cup finals hosts. His decision to ignore his mandate to back South Africa handed the finals to Germany by one vote.

It was expected that Australia's Basil Scarsella would be elected as the new president. However, heated arguments forced a postponement of the vote until a meeting in Vanuatu on November 25, which will also decide whether to confirm caretaker Sahu Khan of Fiji in Oceania's seat on FIFA's executive.

Khan says: "As a result of Mr Dempsey's actions Oceania is now split into two camps, with Australia, New Zealand, Tonga, the Solomon Islands, American Samoa and Western Samoa on one side, and Fiji, the Cook Islands, Tahiti, Vanuatu and Papua New Guinea on the other. There is still much to be resolved."

Opposition to Scarsella is based on fears that Australia has always wanted to pull Oceania closer to the Asian umbrella, and that electing him might undermine Oceania's demand for a direct World Cup finals place in 2006.

Atlantic League is all at sea

RANGERS chairman David Murray believes it inevitable that his club and Old Firm rivals Celtic will leave Scottish football to play at a higher level. But it won't be for a long while yet, according to UEFA, which has effectively blanked proposals for the so-called Atlantic League featuring the likes of PSV Eindhoven, Feyenoord, Anderlecht and Benfica.

Murray says: "If Rangers and Celtic were playing in the Premiership, the only club that would be bigger would be Manchester United. Rangers got over £30million in a media deal and we gave away not one per cent of our equity – that's how big we are. I enjoy going to Dundee on a Saturday but I'd like to go broader in a European context on a more regular basis."

UEFA spokesman Mike Lee thought Murray should prepare for plenty more trips to Dundee.

He said: "UEFA understands the clubs' concerns but their proposed solution raises more questions than it answers. The integrity of domestic competitions and the current European club set-up is vital to the future of the whole of European football.

"You cannot look at these issues in isolation. Suggestions that the green light is about to be given are simply wrong."

Staying for now...the Old Firm remain confined to Scotland

Star performer...Real Madrid's Roberto Carlos

HOW THEY LINE UP

Flowers (3 votes, Leicester); Angloma (2, Valencia), Nesta (2, Lazio), Keown (5, Arsenal), Roberto Carlos (7, Real Madrid); Scholl (2, Bayern), Van Bronckhorst (4, Rangers), Ljungberg (2, Arsenal), Mendieta (5, Valencia); Owen (2, Liverpool), Jardel (4, Galatasaray)

HOW THEY VOTED

A BOLA (PORTUGAL)

Barthez (Man United); Salgado (Real Madrid), Nesta (Lazio), Keown (Arsenal), Roberto Carlos (Real Madrid); Scholl (Bayern), Mendieta (Valencia), Bowyer (Leeds); F Inzaghi (Juventus), Jardel (Galatasaray), S Inzaghi (Lazio)

DON BALON (SPAIN)

Casillas (Real Madrid); Angloma (Valencia), Nesta (Lazio), Ivan Helguera (Real Madrid), Roberto Carlos (Real Madrid); Mendieta (Valencia), Mauro Silva (Deportivo La Coruna), Veron (Lazio), Van Bronckhorst (Rangers); Cole (Man United), Jardel (Galatasaray)

FOOT (BELGIUM)

Flowers (Leicester); Worns (Dortmund), Rabesandratana (PSG), Sagnol (Bayern), Maldini (Milan); Figo (Real Madrid), Guti (Real Madrid), Scholl (Bayern), Giggs (Man United); Owen (Liverpool), Jancker (Bayern)

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GAZZETTA DELLO SPORT (ITALY)

Molina (Deportivo La Coruna); Lauren (Arsenal), Geremi (Real Madrid), Costacurta (Milan), Roberto Carlos (Real Madrid); Ljungberg (Arsenal), Bergkamp (Arsenal), Van Bronckhorst (Rangers); Shevchenko (Milan), Mboma (Parma), Claudio Lopez (Lazio)

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Paul Gardner

GLOBAL VIEW

Let's put the Olympics out of its misery...please

IN a rather incoherent and melodramatic Final, Cameroon overcame Spain to win the Olympic soccer gold medal.

I use the word 'overcame' because Cameroon's victory came via the penalty shoot-out route. Yuk! should be the response of any right-thinking football person to that farcical procedure.

But, alas and yet again alas, we may be reaching the stage where we're bowing to what seems like the inevitable.

This is the third world title in six years to be decided by a shoot-out. Ironically, Brazil, the purest of football nations, has been the chief beneficiary of this basically anti-football device, having ridden it to success in the 1994 World Cup and the 1999 Under-17 World Cup.

Now we have another shoot-out champion in Cameroon, and I've yet to see or hear any loud complaints about the awarding of a gold medal on the basis of this flimsy, synthetic tie-breaker.

Admittedly, the apathy could have another source – it could stem from the fact that there are not many places on this planet where Olympic football is taken at all seriously.

Frankly, why should it be? I'm complaining about the Final being resolved by an artificial device – but the same description aptly fits the whole world of Olympic football.

Should you have forgotten, or maybe are blissfully unaware, Olympic football teams are made up of players aged under 23, but they can include up to three players over that age.

Who picked the age of 23? Why isn't it 22? Or 24? Why three over-age players? Why not four? Or one?

There are no football reasons for any of this nonsense. The reasons are political and monetary. The International Olympic Committee wants soccer in the Olympics for the un-Olympic reason that it makes a lot of money.

The IOC would like to go further; it would like no restrictions whatever on which players can take part. The Olympics, after all, should feature the world's best athletes, no?

FIFA emits a resounding No to that idea as it would mean, in effect, a World Cup every two years. But wasn't that what Sepp Blatter was promoting a couple of years back? Indeed it was – but his World Cups would all be run by FIFA. If the Olympic Games got into the picture, every other World Cup would be run by, and the profits pocketed by, the IOC.

Past FIFA president Joao Havelange was chummy with IOC boss Antonio Samaranch. The two were always trying to work out a suitable compromise. That's where this hybrid under-23-plus-a-few-older-players comes from.

I am told by rather knowledgeable people that this intermediate, age-23ish tournament is wonderful for the developing football nations. Possibly. It was won by Nigeria in 1996, and now Cameroon.

Nigeria – and Ghana – have been the most regular winners of the Under-17 World Cup, yet their success has meant little at the senior level. Is there any reason to believe that Olympic success is a more solid indicator of soccer power?

There is not, because the opposition at the Olympics is always suspect. It is surely clear that the major European powers are not at all likely to send full-strength teams.

Nigeria's 1996 Olympic victory has done little to advance that nation's soccer. As for Cameroon, their victory has resulted in some nice bonuses for the players, but what else? After all, we already knew that Cameroon could produce great players, we learned that in the 1990 World Cup.

And there were some very good-looking Cameroon players on view in Sydney. In the Final they played some fairly decent football and just about deserved their win over Spain.

The immediate effect is likely to be more interest in Cameroon players from European clubs, which – if the Nigeria-Kanu-Arsenal tug-of-war is any indication – will make it more difficult to assemble future Cameroon Olympic and national teams.

That reality – rich European clubs being increasingly unwilling to release their players – was clearly in Michel Platini's mind when he made his suggestion that, in future, Olympic soccer should be limited to under-20s or amateurs. Can he be serious? FIFA already runs an Under-20 World Cup every two years. As for amateurs...even if there are such creatures to be found, true amateurs playing only for the love of the game, their football is not likely to be worth watching.

Certainly, it's difficult to think of an Olympic venue where one million fans (the total attendance at this year's tournament), paying Olympic prices, would turn up to watch such teams.

This strange animal, *Footballus olympicus*, is on the endangered species list, but it is a species that is not worth saving. It causes too many problems, and contributes nothing. Extinction is the best answer.

NOTES AND QUOTES

"There were a lot of things going on behind my back at Chelsea during the final weeks before my own split with the club. I can remember just who was ready to whisper in an ear or two for their own ends – and I have not forgiven or forgotten them, either. Now Vialli has found out that in this world, what goes around, comes around."

Quote of the month from Ruud Gullit (above), *who refused to shed copious tears over the dismissal of Gianluca Vialli, his successor as Chelsea manager.*

"If I was the president of a team which was playing so poorly, I would sack the coach and line up the players and give them a kick up the backside."

Depressed Internazionale boss Marcello Lippi literally asks to be fired. President Massimo Moratti soon obliged.

"I've a good mind to send him back to Istanbul."

Fiorentina president Vittorio Cecchi Gori does not take too kindly to Turkish coach Fatih Terim releasing an open letter to the press complaining that he needs new players.

NOTES AND QUOTES

"Luxemburgo has been badly treated. People weren't fair to him. The most important thing is that Brazil qualify for the next World Cup, but fans also want spectacular play and it's quite difficult to produce."
Roberto Carlos defends sacked coach Wanderley Luxemburgo.

"I would sincerely like to help, to be useful. But I think that half the journalists in the country and half those connected with the national team would not like to see me in charge of the *Selecao*. I'd be a problem for a lot of people."
Cruzeiro boss 'Big Phil' Scolari (above) *turns down the Brazil job.*

"Hoeness should consult a doctor to see if he is suffering from Alzheimer's disease."
Leverkusen general manager Reiner Calmund reacts to the claims of his Bayern counterpart Uli Hoeness that Leverkusen coach and German national team coach in waiting Christoph Daum has a dubious private life.

"I accepted the appointment wholeheartedly, but what's been written and said about me since has been damned painful and hard to accept. I'm only human, not a machine."
Daum on the relentless criticism of him in recent weeks.

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One for the future...a prospective view inside the new stadium

Problems in store

Kevin Palmer on the new Wembley stadium that will rise from the rubble of the Twin Towers

IF THE early signs are an indication of what lies ahead, Wembley stadium has an uncertain future. Those handed the responsibility of rebuilding the historic arena need not be in any doubt that the world will be watching their every move.

Seventy-seven years after the famous White Horse FA Cup Final of 1923, Wembley's final game was a fitting occasion, with England and Germany playing out a crucial World Cup qualifier on October 7. Now the task is to replace the creaking walls and distinctive Twin Towers.

With abrasive Chelsea chief Ken Bates handed the task of leading Wembley into a new era as the company's chairman, there was never any doubt that change and controversy would go hand in hand.

The fact that stadium planners are already two years behind the original schedule cannot be denied. They have recently put the reopening date back once again.

With a series of designs at first accepted and then rejected, prospective contractors coming and going, and a national debate raging over the future of those Towers, chairman Bates dismissed all opposition that stood before him in typically aggressive fashion.

Indeed, were it not for an intervention from London Mayor Ken Livingstone, there was a very real possibility that a new Wembley would never have been built. With Bates and Brent Council (within whose boundaries the Wembley site lies) said to be at loggerheads over who should pay for the much-needed renovation of local transport links, it required the intervention of government funds to resolve the squabble. Brent then finally granted Wembley the planning permission they needed.

"We have had some difficulties," says Wembley spokesman Chris Palmer. "But we now have a plan in place to ensure we build a stadium that will be completed by the start of 2004. We may then open the stadium with a schoolboy international to ensure that everything is in working order. We have learned from the experience of the Millennium Dome that opening on your busiest day is not a good idea.

"There has been a lot of talk about the timing of events and the perceived delays, but once we realised that the England-Germany game would be played here, we had to reschedule the development. Instead of rushing the project in time for the 2003 FA Cup Final, we are happy to have the extra time to do the job properly."

The new Wembley will boast a 135-metre towering arch that will be visible from 20 miles away, replacing the Twin Towers as its new signature feature.

Multiplex – the company that built Sydney's impressive Olympic Stadium Australia – are now confirmed as the contractors who will begin work on the site in November. Many of the irritations that have accompanied a trip to Wembley will be consigned to history.

The new stadium will have 1,985 toilets compared to the 361 in the present structure, and escalators will take fans to their seats where they will have unobstructed views through the 90,000-capacity venue. However, Wembley's next controversy may be that almost 15,000 of those seats will be reserved for corporate hospitality and the like.

With the stadium's construction slated to cost £326.5million, the bill for the entire Wembley project may not hit the £1billion that has been mooted. But those in charge shouldn't under-estimate the level of international affection towards the venue. The pressure is on for them to build a new Wembley bigger and better than the original.

CNN WORLD SOCCER CLUB OF THE MONTH

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Simon Kuper

OPINION

Don't believe the hype about hooligans

Going down...the number of arrests at English grounds fell last season

YOU would think that football hooliganism was Britain's biggest problem. The National Criminal Intelligence Service reports a "major increase" in violent incidents over last season, citing matches as apparently innocuous as Cheltenham Town v Hartlepool and Doncaster Rovers v Halifax Town.

In the summer, at Euro 2000, we had the scenes at Charleroi. This season, perhaps, will bring the 'all-out hooligan war' forecast so often in the newspapers and on television. Or it might not.

For the truth is that football hooliganism is a small problem. It just gets talked about a lot. Yes, there is some violence at football matches. But it is wildly exaggerated, and exaggerated by people who make money out of doing so: the media, academics, the police and NCIS. The rough young inadequates who fondly imagine themselves to be dangerous hooligans love the attention. We should stop flattering them.

It's time to examine the evidence. Take a recent missive from NCIS, with its tales of mayhem at English League matches: a steward stabbed in the leg, a bottle smashed in a man's face, a Swansea supporter killed; a meat cleaver, a Jif bottle full of ammonia and a circular saw all captured from fans.

Many of these thugs are serious criminals, emphasises NCIS. "Football hooliganism is more sophisticated than it was," it says. "Many of the football hooligan's activities are planned and communicated, using mobile phones, pagers and the internet."

This is hysteria. The detail of NCIS's own report gives the game away. The number of football-related arrests in England last season dropped, from 3,341 to 3,138, the sixth fall in the past seven years. That represents a tiny number of arrests if you reflect that over 25 million people attended matches last season. Football represents a large chunk of male leisure time in this country.

Given that men commit almost all violent crime, and that they do so mainly in their leisure time, and that a football match can bring 50,000 men together, the wonder is how little football violence there is.

The NCIS acknowledges that the number of arrests is down, but assures us that violent hooliganism has risen. "Both the number of incidents reported to NCIS by Football Intelligence Officers and the number of post-match investigations are significantly up," it says. Of course, that might just mean that NCIS is reporting more and investigating more.

'Hooligans fight because their alcohol and testosterone levels have risen, not because their Palmpilots tell them they have a fight scheduled for 11.45am'

Furthermore, a scouring of the NCIS report shows how minor much football violence is. Dreaded Millwall fans "damage" the glass doors of a pub. A refreshment bar comes "under attack". A pub's windows are smashed. Violence like this is unacceptable. But is it a major threat to society? Does it warrant so much police time and money? Significantly, perhaps, no police source seems able to quantify how much is spent each year on combating hooliganism. Presumably the recipients of the cash would rather keep that quiet.

And what of the hooligan "generals", orchestrating disorder on their mobile phones and websites? "They use the most recent technical developments," says the NCIS spokeswoman apocalyptically, as if describing Cold War spies. It is time that myth, too, is skewered.

For a start, it is a rare young man these days who does not possess a mobile. Secondly, although hooligans may well use their websites to schedule "pitched battles", it does not follow that these battles ever happen. Hooligans love mouthing off. It makes them look hard. However, they seldom fight, because they don't want to get their heads kicked in. They prefer talking about fighting.

Hooligans love posing, which is why they carry such spectacular weapons. It does not mean they use them. When was the last time someone's head was sliced off with a circular saw at a football match? Where are the bodies?

A similar phenomenon is the 'phoney war' that occurs before each major tournament. Invariably the media reveals that hooligans are preparing for 'all-out war', with rival fans arranging battles at secret venues. What this means is that a few yobs have been playing soldiers on their websites.

The all-out war never materialises. When was the last time rival fans met for a 'pitched battle' at a World Cup or European Championship? Not that Saturday night in Charleroi. What happened then was that English fans got drunk, smashed windows and threw plastic chairs at the police, who responded with a water-cannon. The "pitched battle" with German fans, heralded in the newspapers for months, never occurred.

Hooligans seldom fight, and when they do it is because their alcohol and testosterone levels have risen, not because their Palmpilots tell them they have a fight scheduled for 11.45am.

In other words, even if hooligans announce battles on the internet, or talk to their mates on mobile phones, that is no reason to take them seriously.

The question then is: why is NCIS so worried? The answer is money. If NCIS wants more funds from government to fight hooliganism, it has to assert that there is a big problem. So it does.

But it would be wrong to blame NCIS alone. Everyone else exaggerates the problem too. There is a veritable hooligan industry. It includes the media, whose mock war reporting of hooliganism sells papers; the hooligans, who yearn to be taken seriously; and football academics, who are paid to research hooliganism. The prestigious 'Leicester School' of football research began with a grant to study football violence. These people are not going to tell you that it is an overrated problem.

Of course yobs exist. But the vast majority of them (equipped, of course, with mobile phones) have nothing to do with football. They are the thousands of people staggering around town centres drunk on weekend nights. Dick Hobbs, a Durham University professor, said this summer that while football hooliganism had been gradually checked, "we've got mini-Hillsboroughs and Heysels going on every Friday and Saturday night in our towns: stabbings, shootings, severe beatings and racial and sexual harassment."

Forget hooligans; you could be beaten up outside a nightclub by a Premier League footballer.

NOTES AND QUOTES

"There was no penalty. I slipped inside the area and fell. I admit it wasn't a penalty, but I didn't purposely try to deceive the referee."
Panathinaikos midfielder Yiorgos Kargounis comes clean about his side's recent match-winning spot-kick against Panionios.

"As a Bayern player, one is permanently on show, and for this reason something like this should never happen."
Bayern Munich vice-president Karl-Heinz Rummenigge (above) *after the club fined skipper Stefan Effenberg an unspecified sum for allegedly hitting a woman in a dispute over a table reservation in a Munich disco.*

"We don't have the bronze. But it doesn't take away the fact that we were awesome all through the tournament."
United States international Frankie Hejduk looks for consolation following his team's loss to Chile in the third place play-off game at the Olympics.

"Do you think it's normal that a club which wins its national championship then sells four of its best players? We don't have a team capable of competing in the Champions League."
Monaco skipper Francisco Da Costa fails to hide his disappointment after successive Champions League defeats by Galatasaray and Rangers.

Back from the dead

Eric J Lyman witnesses Napoli's return to Serie A

THE fairy tale story of Napoli's return to the ranks of Serie A would have been a little more poetic with a win in the season's opener, at home to Juventus, but things seldom go according to plan in this part of Italy.

The game began in a downpour, after a week of balmy weather, and swirling wind halted play on a few occasions. At one point, the visitors' goal had to be repaired with a shoelace.

The result, a 2-1 victory for Juventus, could only have reinforced Napoli's view that, for now, winning League titles is for others to think about: their goal is to avoid another humiliating relegation to Serie B.

Nevertheless, Napoli's gruff, chain-smoking Czech coach Zdenek Zeman is confident that his young side will improve as they gain experience. Napoli have one of the youngest squads in Serie A, half of the 30 players under contract had never set foot on a Serie A pitch before the start of this season, and the oldest starter against Juventus, Salvatore Fresi, was still at school when Diego Maradona led Napoli to their last League title in 1990.

The Argentinian is long gone but not forgotten. Replicas of his No 10 jersey are still for sale near the stadium, and fans draped a 20-metre high version of it over a bank of seating as the teams warmed up.

In the post-Maradona era, Napoli's fortunes slid quickly as the Argentinian's supporting cast abandoned the sinking ship. By the mid-1990s, the team reportedly played without pay for months at a time, and there were lawyers in the dressing-room and chains on the doors.

Napoli were relegated to Serie B three seasons ago, after which they started a slow rebuilding process. With their promotion finally sealed at the end of last season, their remaining two home games were the first sell-outs at San Paolo stadium since 1997.

This summer, long-time owner Corrado Ferlaino, a local construction magnate, sold half his interest in the club to Giorgio Corbello, who made his fortune with a company that runs art and antique auctions via television. The marriage seems apt – locals joke that a successful builder and a man who finds undervalued objects for a living are just what is needed.

Zeman also seems an ideal fit. While coaching then-Serie A Foggia in the early 1990s, he earned a reputation as a man who builds solid teams without the use of major stars. And the ethos remains, even though Napoli have shelled out at least £12million to reinforce the squad.

"We're not out here to look pretty," said striker Claudio Bellucci, one of the stars of last season's Serie B squad and a fan of the team since childhood, after the Juventus game. "We're on the right track now. The wins will come, the wins will come."

Up and running...Napoli kicked off the season against Juventus

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Shirt tales

Oliver Butler and Gabriel Dabner report on Manchester United's record kit deal

Racked up...United's deal is worth £300m

IF reports of the deal signed between Manchester United and Nike for the manufacture of the English champions' kit prove to be true, it will be, at 15 years, the longest and, at £300million, the most expensive kit deal in history.

Simple agreements between kit manufacturers and a club, under which the former supply kit in return for the publicity it provides for their brand, are a thing of the past. Both parties are now seeking new, innovative ways to maximise revenues.

Nike has been the most aggressive in the pursuit of forging links with the top names in football and making the most of its clients for its own gain.

The 10-year deal struck with the Brazilian federation (CBF) was the most expensive in history when signed in 1997. While it provided the CBF with a reported £125m, it came at a price. The contract stipulated that Nike could organise 50 Brazil games against opponents of the company's choice and that eight regular first-teamers had to be selected for each of the matches in question. Unsurprisingly, many of these matches appeared to be of more benefit to Nike than the CBF.

With such a level of involvement it was not surprising either when it was claimed that Nike forced Ronaldo to play in the 1998 World Cup Final despite the fact that he had suffered a fit before the game.

The claim was furiously denied by all parties, but conspiracy theorists will now have a field day with the Manchester United deal, linking the club with any player contracted to Nike – from Edgar Davids to Hidetoshi Nakata via Ronaldo. However, Manchester United are a far more commercially aware and savvy organisation than the CBF and so are unlikely to agree to any terms that could be detrimental to the team.

For some observers the prospect of United doing a deal with Nike at all is something of a surprise as many believed that after the club's deal with current kit manufacturer Umbro ran out in summer 2002, United would seek to establish their own brand of kit.

The club have options for a stake in clothing manufacturer Hay & Robertson, and it was thought that in co-operation with H&R's Admiral brand, United would seek to maximise profits by producing and distributing their kit in-house.

With the Nike deal in mind, industry observers say that, while it represents a lot of income for the club, there is a danger that it would dilute the value of Manchester United's brand at the expense of strengthening the Nike brand, and that United could become just another member of the Nike entourage of clubs.

"It is easy money for United but by selling out to a sportswear supplier they are passing up the opportunity to maximise the brand's value themselves," says football consultant Alex Fynn.

There are instances of clubs manufacturing their own kit. In the Premiership, Southampton and Coventry City both do this, while in Germany, Borussia Dortmund this season replaced Nike with their own brand.

> 'United's new kit deal could dilute the value of the club's brand at the expense of strengthening the Nike brand'

"Manufacturing our own kit does offer us a better profit margin, as well as giving us the opportunity to offer our fans our goods at a lower price," argues Southampton finance director David Jones.

Of course, whether a club manufactures their own kit depends on what deals they are offered by kit manufacturers. After five years of producing their own kit, newly-promoted English First Division club Preston North End decided this year to sign a deal with Bloggs. "While in the Second Division we felt it was right to produce and distribute our own kit, as our brand grew we received an offer that was of benefit to us," explains Preston chairman Tony Scholes.

One alternative is for clubs to manufacture their own kit but to label it with the name of a more renowned producer, which is what Leicester City did. After several years with their Foxes subsidiary producing the kit, Leicester elected to do a deal with Le Coq Sportif, whereby the home kit continued to be made by Foxes, but was branded with the Le Coq motif, while Le Coq supplied the third kit and training wear.

Juventus have taken this a step further with the deal signed with Italian internet company Ciaoweb. Eyebrows were raised when Ciaoweb signed a deal to replace Kappa as Juve's kit supplier. How would such a new media firm produce kit? Of course, it did not. What it did was to license the manufacturing to Lotto, who would get its brand on the club's training wear. On the first-team's kit, however, would be Ciaoweb's logo.

Following this route offers sponsors and clubs a way of circumventing restrictions on the number of sponsors on kits.

The existence of the kit suppliers' logo on the team shirt naturally has an important value that is affected by the presence of the shirt sponsor. Nike's deal with Barcelona involved a premium since as long as the club continued its age-old refusal to carry a shirt sponsor, Nike's swoosh was the only brand on the shirt. For Manchester United, the replacement of Umbro's diamond logo for the famous Nike marque should not be a problem for their new shirt sponsors Vodafone, since the two businesses are involved in completely separate fields.

But, what about the situation where non-kit suppliers can put their logo on the shirt? For example, in the Champions League, Juventus' shirt has the logos of two internet companies, Ciaoweb and shirt sponsor Sportal. This potential clash then raises the question of whether the deal with the club's main shirt sponsors is being devalued.

So, the variety of ways to increase revenues from kit deals is growing, but clubs will have to be aware that they are not doing so at the expense of other sponsorship deals.

Oliver Butler and Gabriel Dabner write for Soccer Investor (00 44 (0) 20 7329 3500)

Haldan dies after collapsing during game

Catalin Haldan 1976-2000

ROMANIAN international **Catalin Haldan** has died after collapsing during a friendly between his club side, Dinamo Bucharest, and a lower division team from the town of Oltenita. The 24-year-old midfielder apparently suffered a cerebral attack while on the pitch and died in hospital.

Haldan appeared eight times for Romania and was a member of the country's Euro 2000 squad, though he did not play.

COACHES ON THE MOVE

Juan Manuel Lillo became the first coaching casualty of the Spanish season when he was sacked by Zaragoza less than a month into the campaign. His side took only two points from their opening four games.

Romanian champions Dinamo Bucharest fired **Cornel Dinu** after a poor start to the season.

Ljubo Petrovic has begun his second spell in charge of Bulgarian champions Levski Sofia, succeeding Dimitar Dimitrov.

Peru fired Colombian national coach **Francisco 'Pacho' Maturana** after his side won only two out of eight World Cup qualifiers. Former Peru player **Julio Cesar Uribe** steps in.

Morocco's Raja Casablanca sacked Brazilian **Valdeir Badu Viera** when his side lost the season's first game.

Panama fired **Ezequiel Fernandez** after the national side were thrashed 7-1 by Mexico in the World Cup qualifiers. Fernandez had held the position for only three weeks, having replaced Uruguayan Miguel Mansilla in August.

INTERNATIONAL INS AND OUTS

Brazil-born Celta Vigo forward **Catanha** was named in the Spain squad to face Israel and Austria just weeks after gaining Spanish citizenship. He has played in Spain since 1996.

West Ham teenager **Joe Cole** won his first call-up to the full England squad for the clash with Germany.

OUT OF ACTION

Aston Villa's Belgian international forward **Luc Nilis** has conceded that his career is almost certainly over after he suffered a double knee fracture in a match against Ipswich.

Milan's Argentinian midfielder **Fernando Redondo** faces a six-month lay-off after undergoing knee surgery. Everton defender **Alessandro Pistone** and Bastia striker **Dan Petersen** are facing a similar fate.

Mallorca's Argentinian striker **Leo Biagini** is out until the New Year after tearing a muscle in his left thigh, while another thigh injury, to Real Sociedad's new Belgian signing, **Frederic Peiremans**, could keep him out for up to five months.

Bad break...Luc Nilis

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Alexandro de Sousa, ALEX	M	Parma	Flamengo (loan)
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Roberto BAGGIO	F	Free agent	Brescia
Sergio BALLESTEROS	D	Tenerife	Rayo Vallecano
Olivier BERNARD	D	Lyon	Newcastle
Jacob BURNS	F	Parramatta Power	Leeds
Manuel CANABAL	F	Real Madrid	Malaga
Claudio CANIGGIA	F	Free agent	Dundee
Stephane CARNOT	M	Auxerre	Guingamp
Patrice CARTERON	D	Lyon	Saint-Etienne
Richard CRESSWELL	F	Sheffield Wed	Leicester
DANI	F	Ajax	Benfica
Kaba DIAWARA	F	Paris Saint-Germain	West Ham (loan)
Cyrille DOMORAUD	D	Internazionale	Bastia (loan)
Eric DYBENDAL	M	Kongsvinger	Bodo/Glimt
FINIDI George	M	Betis Sevilla	Mallorca
Christer GEORGE	F	Stromsgodset	Rosenborg
Igor GLUSCEVIC	F	Sevilla	Utrecht
Alex HAUSER	F	FC Tirol	Rangers
Daniel HOFFMANN	G	1860 Munich	Kocaelispor
IVAN RODRIGUEZ	D	Atletico Madrid	Oviedo
Amir KARIC	D	Maribor	Ipswich
Fadel KEITA	F	Africa Sports	Rizespor
Temuri KETSBAIA	F	Newcastle	Wolves
Tomasz KLOS	D	Auxerre	Kaiserslautern
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Pavel KUKA	F	Stuttgart	Slavia Prague
Vladimir KUZMICHEV	M	Chernomorets (Rus)	Kyiv Dynamo
Lomana Tresor LUA LUA	F	Colchester	Newcastle
Jairo MARTINEZ	F	Motagua	Coventry
Abdelaye M'BAYE	F	Club Africain	Tromso
Daniel MONTENEGRO	M	Marseille	Zaragoza (loan)
Txomin NAGORE	M	Athletic Bilbao	Numancia
Hiroshi NANAMI	M	Venezia	Jubilo Iwata
Marko PANTELIC	F	Celta Vigo	Yverdon
Darren PEACOCK	D	Blackburn	West Ham
PENA	F	Palmeiras	FC Porto
Robert PROSINECKI	M	Dinamo Zagreb	Standard Liege
Kostas SALAPASIDIS	F	Compostela	Lugano
Gabriel SCHURRER	D	Deportivo La Coruna	Las Palmas
Sead SELANOVIC	F	Obilic	Royal Antwerp
Jan SUCHOPAREK	D	Tennis Borussia	Slavia Prague
John VELDMAN	D	Vitesse Arnhem	RBC Roosendaal
Gregory VIGNAL	D	Montpellier	Liverpool
VITOR BAIA	G	Barcelona	FC Porto
Henk VOS	F	Den Bosch	RBC Roosendaal
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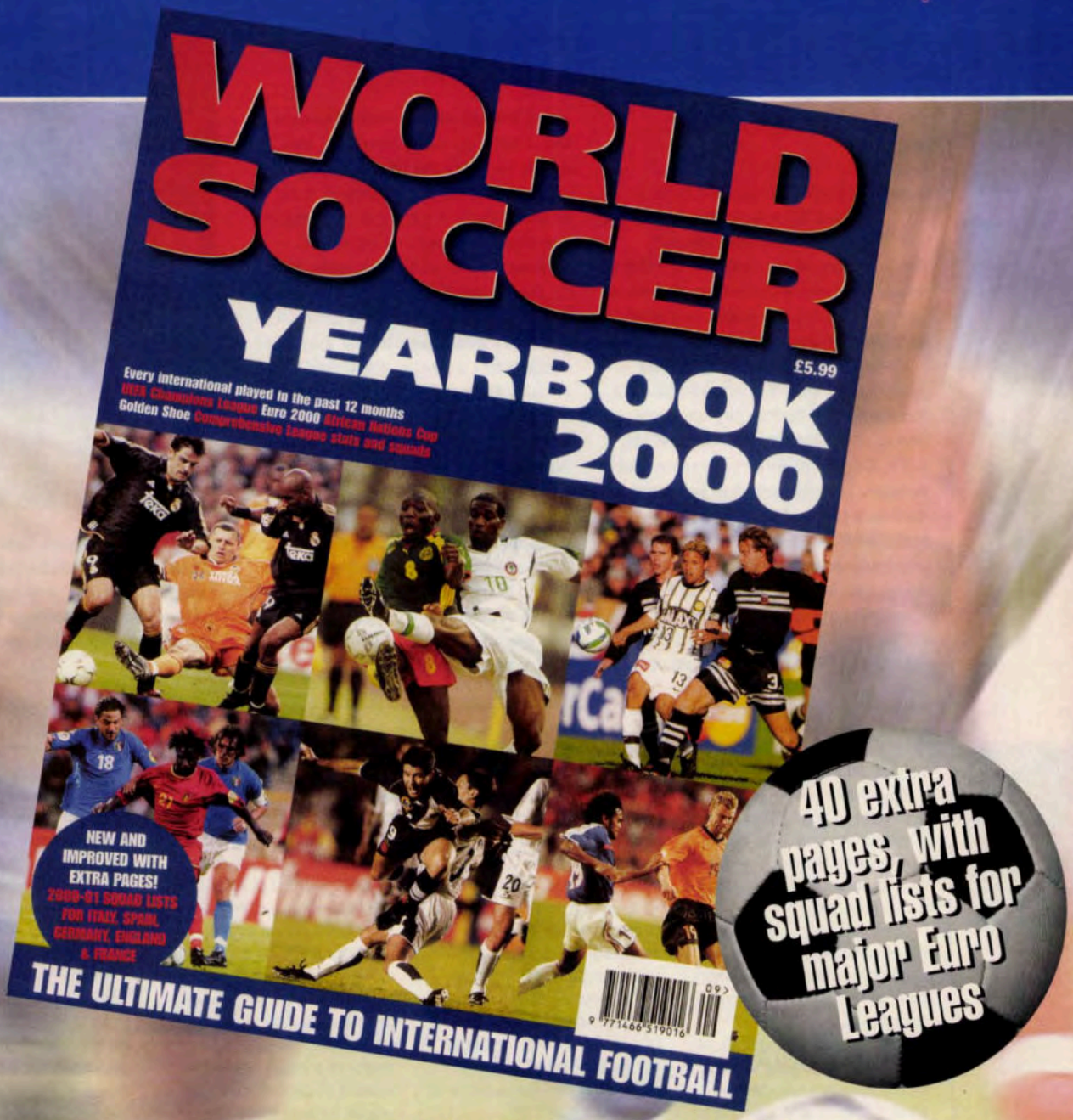

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BOOK OF THE MONTH

FC BARCELONA

Jeff King

(Macmillan, £16.99)

THIS absolutely splendid book is subtitled Tales from the Nou Camp, and what tales there are. Jeff King's history of the club and the city is so comprehensive that I cannot think of another soccer book which covers so much similar ground as well as this one.

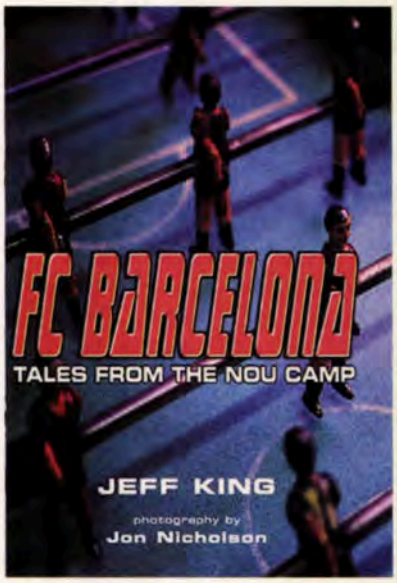
Barcelona's right to be called the world's No 1 club is analysed against a background of history and anecdote. Just to illustrate how difficult the top job is, King, *World Soccer's* correspondent in Spain, reveals that after Louis Van Gaal had coached Barça to two successive championships, 60 per cent of people responding to a TV question demanded his resignation – and eventually got it.

The book is crammed with such fascinating information, and not merely about the top personalities. The man in the street gets many mentions, and rightly so; there are around 1,400 independent Barça supporters' clubs run as social centres, with 218 in Andalucia, hundreds of miles from Catalonia.

King reports on Barça's early days (in the month of their foundation, nine people were killed during a strike in the area's metal industry; all they were seeking was a six-day week) and on the British influence among the city's hordes of amateur clubs. His analysis of Barça's finances scuppers claims that Manchester United are the world's biggest club.

What a pity that the author has fallen into a trap inhabited by far too many modern writers, that of using the word "see" and its derivations as a get-out instead of constructing a sentence properly.

For example: "Three years of fighting saw the number fall." How can fighting see? Such sloppiness is unfortunate, but



this remains a brilliant book, and a fitting tribute to a club whose thousands and thousands of *socios* (members) include such varied individuals as the Pope, Jose Carreras and an albino gorilla.

David Prole

OWN GOAL

Simon Freeman

(Orion, £9.99)

YOU can't be too severe on Mr Freeman for writing this book. Obviously he felt that it was his duty to do so. And he has done it very well, too.

Unfortunately, it is one of the most depressing soccer publications I have read in more than half a century of devouring soccer tales.

Mr Freeman, an experienced investigative journalist with a neat way with words, sees a bleak future for what used to be known as the Beautiful Game.

He points out that as soccer continues to slide down the road to hell, there are few winners but a great many losers. Profit is everything, even coming before on-field success. And this way, of course, in the end will lead to disaster.

David Prole

FOTBALOVY ATLAS SVETA

(Infokart Prague, available from Sportspages, approx £20)

ALTHOUGH this fascinating Czech-language book is ostensibly an atlas of world football, siting the leading clubs within their national areas, it has many other facets. A colourful collection of club crests, eye-catching graphics and original charts with incredible detail, listings of national and international club honours, an exhaustive worldwide clubs index, and statistical tabulations galore.

The focus is not merely on the major countries, either. Where else, for instance, have you seen a map of Ethiopia pinpointing the whereabouts of their top clubs?

There is so much to admire in this book, which must have involved a vast amount of time, research and expertise to compile. Hopefully, updates can be produced in the future to keep pace with the daily changes to the world footballing map.

Indispensable to any true student of the world game.

Daniel Fein

THE GREAT DIVIDE

Alex Fynn and Olivia Blair

(Andre Deutsch, £14.99)

ALEX FYNN has come to prominence over recent years writing books about the business, media and marketing sector of the English game, though this book is more of a sequel to his 1991 *Heroes and Villains*, which chronicled the 1990-91 seasons of Arsenal and Tottenham Hotspur, with the 1999-2000 season as the backdrop this time.

Using high-level contacts at both clubs and an impressive list of contributors, Fynn and co-author Olivia Blair have produced a highly readable account of another eventful season for both clubs.

Though this is not a "match-by-match account, but an odyssey through the events and issues" (to quote the jacket blurb), there is enough meat in here for most football followers, not just supporters of the two sides, to get their teeth into.

Daniel Fein

ROUND-UP

ANOTHER club 'biography,' albeit lacking Jeff King's zippy style, is *The Day Italian Football Died*, about the Superga air disaster in which champions Torino were wiped out in 1949.

A powerful subject – even more than 50 years on – is compromised by the mawkish nature of some of the writing by Alexandra Manna and Mike Gibbs (Breedon Books, £14.99). A little more basic research into the football terminology of the times would not have gone amiss, either.

Ghost writer Neil Silver has done his subject proud in *David Ginola – Le Magnifique* (HarperCollins, £17.99). Ginola emerges as an engaging personality but neither is it hard to see why several managers have struggled to harness his talents effectively and consistently.

The Official PFA Footballers Factfile (edited by Barry Hugman, Virgin, £14.99) may be expensive in paperback terms but it is an ideal aide for the couch potato watching Premiership and Football League action through the next eight or nine months.

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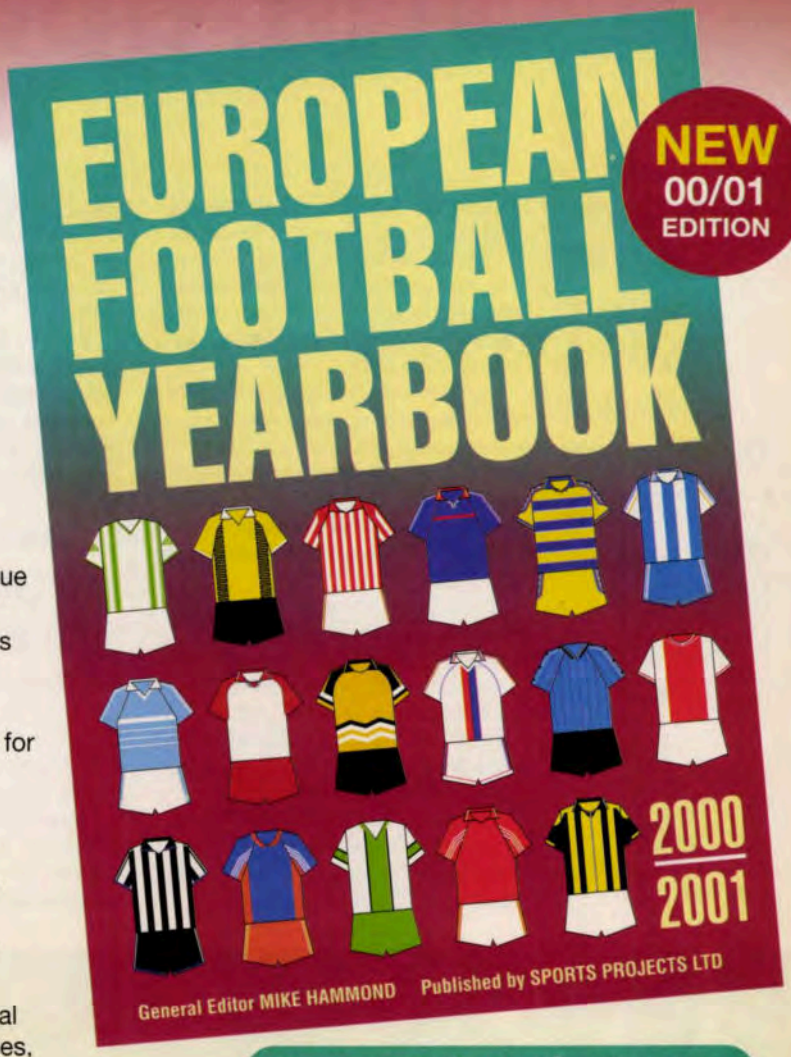

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Still hungry for su

Paolo Maldini is on the verge of becoming Italy's most capped player but tells Paddy Agnew he has a more important goal in mind

HE MIGHT be about to become the most capped Italian player of all time but the hunger still burns. Sometime this autumn, in all probability, 32-year-old Paolo Maldini will make his 113th appearance for Italy, thus taking over from his Euro 2000 team coach Dino Zoff at the top of the charts.

For some, it might be the logical moment to think of hanging up your boots, at least as far as the international team is concerned. Not for Maldini. He still feels that fate has cheated him, tantalisingly dangling big-time success in both World Cup and European Championship finals in front of his nose, only to snatch it away at the last moment.

Talking to *World Soccer* at Milan's Milanello training ground, the Italy captain candidly admitted that the pain of his most recent disappointment with the *Azzurri*, that golden goal defeat by France in the Euro 2000 Final in Rotterdam, still lingers. It is a pain that will drive him on to go one better at the 2002 World Cup finals in South Korea and Japan.

"Our disappointment in Rotterdam wasn't the first time for us. Remember, we lost the World Cup Final in America in '94, we were beaten in the 1990 semi-finals here in Italy. Even if I'm happy with our showing at Euro 2000, where the team played well, it's definitely true that the fact that I've never actually won a competition with Italy gives me the motivation to try again."

Tall, blue-eyed and dashingly handsome Maldini has for long been a media darling. He looks so good that fashion mogul Giorgio Armani once said he would love to use him as a model. He plays football so well that professionals and fans all around the world have regularly penned him into the left-back position when selecting their fantasy 'world XI'.

'I want to go on to the next World Cup. It will be my last chance to win something with Italy'

Maldini could be forgiven for deciding to take his foot off the accelerator. He has known many triumphs – at least at club level with Milan, the one and only club of his career.

High-flier...Maldini hurdles France's Didier Deschamps during the Euro 2000 Final

Winner of six Italian titles, three Champions Cups and two Intercontinental Cups, Maldini is now a settled family man, happily married to Venezuelan ex-model Adriana Fossa and the proud father of three-year-old Christian.

The pain of close-run defeats at international level, however, still runs deep.

Curiously enough, when it comes to the World Cup, his worst experience was not the 1994 Final defeat by Brazil but rather Italy's 1990 penalty shoot-out, semi-final exit at the hands of Diego Maradona's Argentina.

"That is one of the saddest memories because we had everything you need to go on and win the tournament. The 1994 Final in the United States was different because there we came up against a Brazilian team that was stronger than us. The Final didn't go our way and maybe that was the right result.

"But Italia 90 was different. Against Argentina we were the favourites, we still hadn't conceded a goal, logic suggested that the Final would be between Italy and Germany, everything seemed to be in our favour, we were playing at home, we looked like the strongest side, and yet...

"That defeat was just as bad as Rotterdam this summer, which is still a bitter memory. I keep on thinking about those final 30 seconds and the hundred different ways we could have handled things and become European champions."

Maldini confesses that had things gone differently in Rotterdam, he might have been tempted to retire from the international scene. Given his disappointment, however, he is determined to go all the way to the 2002 World Cup finals.

He says: "There's no question of me having hung on in the Italian team just so that I can beat the caps record and then wave everybody goodbye. No, I'm here because I want to go to the World Cup again. A major title win with Italy is the one thing I'm missing."

Maldini's extra-long international career began in a 1-1 draw with Yugoslavia in a friendly in Split in March 1988. He still recalls that game all too well.

"It was strange, really," he says. "Their fans, who were obviously all Croats, kept whistling and jeering at the Yugoslavia team and at the Serb player Dragan Stojkovic in particular. At the time, we couldn't understand why. Later, of course, the whole world understood."

In that long career, Maldini has had five different national team coaches, including, of course, his father Cesare. Azeglio Vicini (1986-91), Arrigo Sacchi (1991-96), Dino Zoff (1998-2000) and current coach Giovanni

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Trapattoni are the others. His assessment of the different coaches is enlightening.

"Vicini, my father and Zoff were all calm, steady people, whereas Sacchi was an obsessive perfectionist, always anxious.

"Sacchi's idea of asking us whether Luca Vialli should be allowed back into the squad [in 1995] was hardly a brilliant one. Certain decisions have to be taken by the coach, not the players.

"As for Trapattoni, he is as you see him, a straightforward, likeable guy with a profound knowledge of football and huge enthusiasm."

If only...runner-up in Rotterdam

Maldini junior makes no bones about the admission that the period between December 1996 and July 1998 when his father was coach to the Italian team, of which he was already the captain, was his most difficult time with the *Azzurri*.

"My mother aged 10 years during that period. In the dressing room, my team-mates were more embarrassed than me. In a dressing-room, it's normal for players to jeer the coach and poke fun at him but as soon as I would walk in, the lads would change the subject. My father was very disappointed when he was sacked, so too was I.

"I tell you, I don't think I'll ever become a coach, after seeing how upset he was then."

Looking back on his long career, Maldini has no doubt about who was the best player he came across – Diego Maradona. Their Serie A duels in Napoli-Milan games provided both legendary fare and intense memories.

"After you have played against Maradona, all the rest seem small fry. Diego was the greatest, not just because of his outstanding ability but also because of his charisma, his ability to inspire team-mates. He had an extraordinary desire to win, he was capable of setting a stadium alight and yet he never ever said anything bad about his opponents.

"If he lost, he was always the first to hold out his hand and say well done. Perhaps the English don't see him that way but, for me, Diego was a great sportsman."

As he prepares to lead Italy through a seemingly 'easy', all-East European qualifying group that contains Romania, Hungary, Georgia and Lithuania, Maldini realises all too well that the 2002 World Cup will represent his swansong. He says: "Obviously, I realise that the next World Cup finals, if we qualify, will be my last chance. I don't want to go on for too long. I want to leave behind a good memory of myself, I don't want to find myself being dropped rather than retiring of my own accord."

In a 17-year professional career, being dropped has never been a problem for Paolo Maldini. As for the "good memories", he has left behind plenty. Perhaps, however, there are still a few more to come – in two years' time.

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In the Player category, last year's winner Rivaldo is again a contender, but he faces a strong challenge from Zinedine Zidane, the inspiration behind France's European Championship victory in July and now the favourite to win the *World Soccer* vote for the second time, having previously won in 1998.

Euro 2000 performers dominate the list of contenders for your vote. Apart from Zidane, there is Thierry Henry and David Trezeguet from the victorious French side. From Portugal, there is Luis Figo, also outstanding for Barcelona in last season's Champions League before his world-record transfer to Real Madrid, and Rui Costa. Figo's former Barcelona team-mate Patrick Kluivert, the joint top scorer at Euro 2000, is also a contender, along with Francesco Totti and Alessandro Nesta, two of the stars of the Italy side beaten by France in the Final.

Real Madrid forward Raul, who was so influential in his club's second Champions League triumph in three seasons, is surely worth considering, as is Andrii Shevchenko, top scorer in Serie A with Milan in only his first season in Italy.

In the Team category, France start as favourites to repeat their success of two years ago. But Cameroon, African Nations Cup winners and now Olympic champions, are surely worthy of recognition. At club level, European champions Real Madrid are likely to attract votes, as are UEFA Cup winners Galatasaray, Manchester United, champions again in England, and Lazio, *scudetto* winners in Italy. Not forgetting Valencia, surprise runners-up in the Champions League, and Boca Juniors, winners of the Libertadores Cup in South America.

In the Manager category, the only vote of its kind, Roger Lemerre of France is a contender. Then there is Dino Zoff, who defied the odds and the critics by taking Italy to the Final of Euro 2000, Sven Goran Eriksson of Lazio and, for the umpteenth year, Alex Ferguson of Manchester United.

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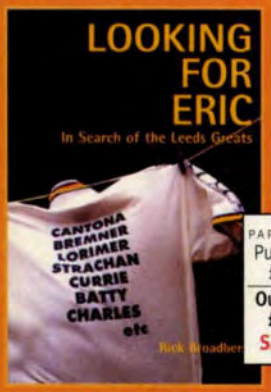

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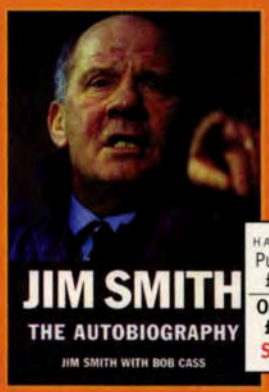

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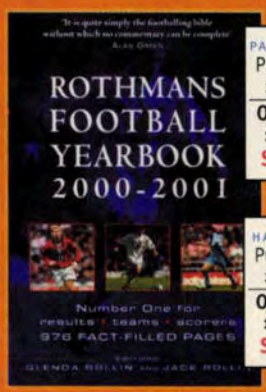

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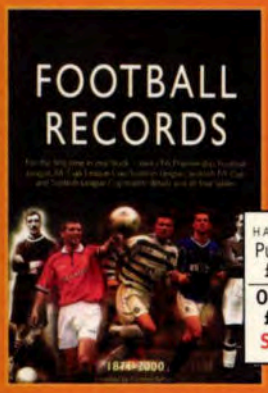

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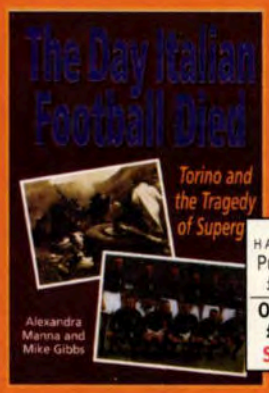

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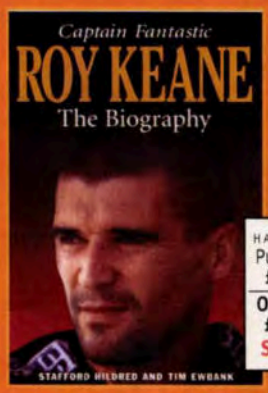

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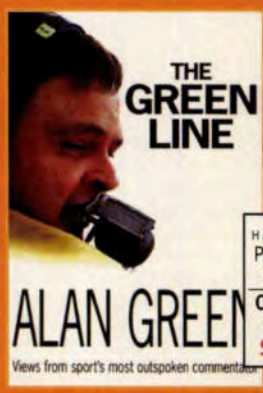

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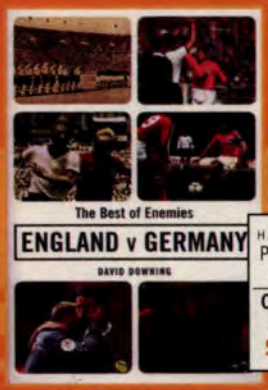

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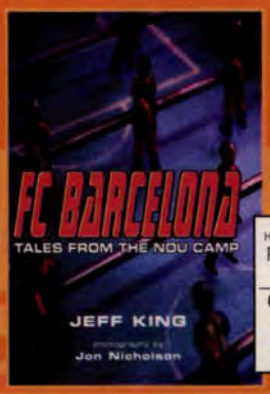

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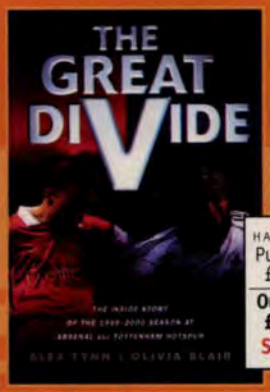

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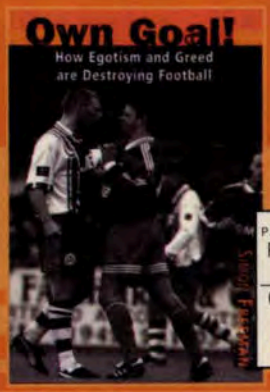

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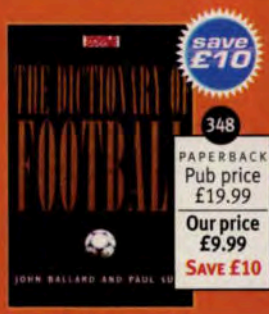

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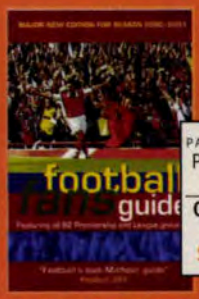

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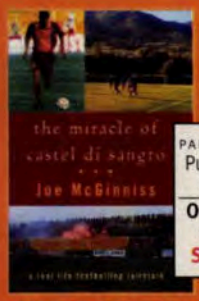

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Roaring Lions...Cameroon players set off on a lap of honour after the penalty shoot-out victory over Spain

Cameroon on a roll

Mark Gleeson reports from Sydney on another Olympic triumph for Africa

IF THERE was a gold for rollercoaster riding, Cameroon would have won it hands down, such was their turbulent journey towards Olympic football success in Sydney.

Just as Nigeria had done in Atlanta four years ago, the Indomitable Lions came through peaks and troughs on their way to the winners' podium after a dramatic Final against Spain in Stadium Australia at the conclusion of the Games.

A penalty shoot-out triumph gave Cameroon their first gold medal in any discipline at the Olympics and finally realised a potential first displayed 10 years ago at the World Cup finals in Italy.

The Olympic soccer gold was also Cameroon's first triumph on a wider international stage to go with their success at the African Nations Cup finals earlier this year and the All-Africa Games in Johannesburg just over a year ago.

A 5-3 shoot-out win over Spain, winners in Barcelona in 1992, came after a thrilling 2-2 draw in front of 100,000-odd in Sydney's midday heat, but Cameroon had to come from behind in dramatic fashion, just as they had done in the semi-finals. Down 2-0 at the interval, they stormed back in the second half but failed to finish off a nine-man Spanish side in extra time, although Samuel Eto'o had a goal ruled out by the narrowest of offside decisions.

Cameroon triumphed against the odds, though this has usually been the case whenever they have previously won football tournaments. Preparation was extensive, but mostly with players who eventually did not make the squad, and they lost several key players before the event started as club loyalty triumphed over the trip to Australia.

Throughout the tournament, Cameroon gave the impression of being a rag-tag unit, out of place with some of the sleekly-organised opposition and continuing to win in spite of their inefficient officialdom.

Coach Jean-Paul Akono hardly inspired confidence, despite his pedigree as an international player from the early 1970s. He often clashed with his star players and seemed sometimes to play second fiddle in the decisions on tactics.

But all of this concerned off-the-pitch matters. On the field, there was always the potential for success with the strong attacking pair of Eto'o and Patrick Mboma, the wide midfield play of Lauren Etame-Mayer and Geremi Fotso Njitap, and the tough tackling of Pierre Wome, who scored the decisive penalty in the Final shoot-out.

These five made all the difference, their quality far outweighing a defence that was shockingly naive in the earlier rounds.

Indeed, Cameroon came close to elimination from their group, being just a touch away from losing to the Czechs in Brisbane which would have sent them home early. In the quarter-finals they lost two players to dubious red cards yet still beat Brazil, with their 16-year-old reserve goalkeeper, Carlos Idriss Kameni, one of the remarkable heroes.

In the semi-final they got lucky against Chile, 1-0 down with six minutes to go but winning out 2-1, their second goal coming from the penalty spot a minute from time.

But in the Final it was pluck and courage that took them through to a memorable triumph that offers much promise for the full international squad's prospects at the World Cup in Japan and South Korea in 2002.

FINAL

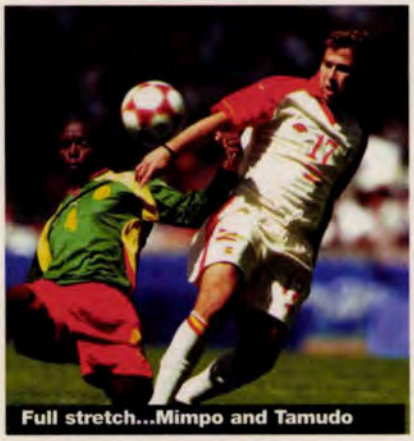
CAMEROON 2
SPAIN 2

(Aet. Cameroon 5-3 on pens)

Wome seals victory from the spot

STADIUM AUSTRALIA filled rapidly for the midday kick-off for the gold medal, but many would have missed the opening goal, scored after just 80 seconds, when Xavi bent a free-kick into the far corner of the net for a dream start for Spain.

Within five minutes they could have been further ahead after Pierre Wome gave away a penalty, but Angulo had his shot stopped by 16-year-old Carlos Idriss Kameni, diving perfectly to his right to gather the ball. But a second goal did come just before half-time, with Gabri taking advantage of another defensive lapse to run on to a long pass and steer the ball clear of Kameni.



Full stretch...Mimpo and Tamudo

It looked a done deal at the break but Cameroon rallied and were level within 10 minutes of the restart. It took a large slice of luck to get them going, with Spanish defender Amaya deflecting a 55th-minute cross from Patrick Mboma into the near-post corner of his own net as goalkeeper Aranzubia was heading in the opposite direction.

Five minutes later it was 2-2, with Mboma again providing and Spain-based Samuel Eto'o finishing off the pass with a simple tap-in as Spain rapidly surrendered their half-time advantage.

Eto'o, from Real Mallorca, then missed a gilt-edged opportunity to put Cameroon ahead, but the Africans still looked capable of finishing the match off inside the 90 minutes, especially after Gabri was sent off. Striker Jose Mari was also dismissed, on the stroke of full-time, after receiving a second card for diving in the penalty area, a controversial call from Mexican referee Felipe Ramos.

In extra time, Spain's nine men displayed true grit and determination in keeping their goal intact, with Cameroon growing ever more desperate to try to secure the win before penalties.

Neither keeper had any chance with the spot-kicks until Amaya compounded his miserable afternoon by smacking the ball against the bar, leaving Wome to finish things off for Cameroon.

The Bologna left-back showed no nerves as he hammered the fifth kick home, then calmly picked the ball out of the net before setting off, with his delirious team-mates, on a lap of honour.

Sandwich...Chile's Nunez vies with Agoos and Vagenas

THIRD PLACE PLAY-OFF

CHILE 2
USA 0

Zamorano grabs bronze for Chile

THESE matches usually have little bearing when played at the World Cup finals, but with a bronze medal at stake it was a lot more than a meaningless encounter.

Ivan Zamorano settled it for Chile with two second-half goals, despite the fact that he was effectively marked out of the game by teenager Danny Califf. Ironically, it was Califf who was harshly penalised in the 68th minute for impeding substitute Sebastian Gonzalez with the ball already heading out of play.

The 33-year-old Zamorano blasted home the resultant penalty, then finished off the contest six minutes from time from close range. The Internazionale striker finished the tournament as top scorer with six goals, but Chile's best player was Udinese midfielder David Pizarro, whose drive and distribution was at the heart of their game.

US women upstaged by Norway

THERE were suggestions that the result of the Olympic women's Final was an indication of a power shift in the game, but the Americans, despite their defeat by Norway, were quick to repudiate such claims.

They were by far the best side in the eight-team tournament, which unlike the men's event was played without age restrictions and comprising the eight best finishers from last year's World Cup in the USA.

The Americans finished with just silver, deposed in a dramatic Final by the battling Norwegians, who secured a 3-2 win thanks to a golden goal in the 12th minute of extra time.

Norway came from behind to lead 2-1 just before full time, then gave away a late equaliser but still grabbed gold through Dagny Mellgren's strike.

Two World Cup wins and a gold in Atlanta made the USA the runaway favourites, and their form in the early part of the tournament suggested that winning gold would be a breeze.

Tiffeny Milbrett gave them an early lead, drilling home Mia Hamm's pass, but Norway fought back to score twice through Ragnhild Gulbrandsen in the second half.

Milbrett then popped up at the back post to flick home the equaliser 10 seconds before full time, a cruel blow to the Norwegians but a more equitable reflection of the game. The diminutive Mellgren had the last word, however, by snapping up a mistimed clearance to flash home the winner.

Germany won the bronze with a 2-0 win over Brazil but the game was a complete bore until Renate Lingor hit home a stunning free-kick in the 64th minute.

Golden girls...delirious Norway celebrate

SEMI-FINALS

SPAIN 3
UNITED STATES 1

Spain cruise through

Tangle...Lacruz and Wolff

SPAIN were never really pressured by the United States, although it took the guile of Milan's Jose Mari to guide them through to the gold-medal match.

The former Atletico Madrid striker was outstanding on a wet surface at the Sydney Football Ground, where Spain were easily the classier outfit.

Jose Mari set them on their way with a brilliant run down the right wing, skinning US defender Danny Califf, and then squaring for Tamudo to score at the back post.

That 15th-minute goal was followed by several other half-chances for the European side. Jose Mari provided the second goal in the 25th minute, taking advantage of a slip by Califf to find Valencia's Angulo, who slid the ball under keeper Brad Friedel's body.

A double substitution by US coach Clive Charles provided hope of a recovery, and the Americans were still alive at the break, having benefited just before the interval from a soft penalty, awarded after overlapping full-back Frankie Hejduk went tumbling into the area after contact with Angulo. The penalty was converted by Pete Vagenas.

The Americans had more possession in the second half as Spain sat back, but they never really knew what to do with it. With three minutes left, Jose Mari got his due reward when he scored Spain's third goal, firing home a rebound. But by that stage it never looked as if the United States were ever going to be a real threat.

CAMEROON 2
CHILE 1

Cameroon leave it late

A THRILLING final 10 minutes and a controversial penalty brought the game to a frenetic end. Chile could have wrapped it up long before had it not been for some selfish play, spectacular misses and brilliant saves from 16-year-old Idriss Kameni in the Cameroon goal.

It was a rainy night in Melbourne and the start was fairly sedate, but the tempo picked up considerably with 30 minutes to go. Kameni stopped a shot from Ivan Zamorano and then kept out efforts by Claudio Maldonado, David Pizarro and Reinaldo Navia as Chile turned the screws.

But the duck was eventually broken after a breakaway 12 minutes from time. Substitute Sebastian Gonzalez shot at Kameni, with the rebound hitting defender Patrice Abanda and bouncing into the net.

Chile deserved no less, but then Patrick Mboma conjured up an equaliser six minutes later, causing panic in an aerial battle and then rocketing the rebound into the net.

Just as the game looked set for extra time, there was a controversial finish within the 90 minutes. Mboma was brought down in the box by Pablo Contreras in what looked a marginal decision by French referee Stephane Bre.

Open fire...Mboma lets fly

The responsibility for the resultant penalty was left to Lauren Etame-Mayer, who converted to book his country's place in the Final.

SHORTS

Games to stick to Under-23s

AT the start of the Sydney Games, IOC president Juan Antonio Samaranch said FIFA was ready to allow more over-age players into the soccer tournament.

The possibility of the current limit of three over-23-year-old players being considerably raised was discussed by Samaranch and FIFA president Sepp Blatter.

Samaranch then told the world's press: "I think Mr Blatter is ready to consider improving the quality of the Olympic tournament."

But it is a lot more likely that the reverse will happen and that the Olympic Games will remain an Under-23 event, with no over-age players allowed.

"It fits in very nicely with our calendar," said one FIFA official, who added that a firm decision on the issue could be made as early as December.

"We have age group competitions at Under-17 and Under-20 level already, and the Olympics has worked out very well as a bridge between those age groups and the World Cup."

FIFA obviously has no desire to create an alternative World Cup, particularly were they to have a limited share of the revenue and no control of the organisation.

And given the massive crowd interest that the Under-23s still manage to attract at the Olympics, it is FIFA rather than the IOC who would seem to have the upper hand in any future argument.

Just on a million spectators watched the matches in Sydney, Adelaide, Brisbane, Canberra and Melbourne, a figure that would seem to strengthen the FIFA case.

OUT of the success of the Sydney Olympics comes growing calls for Australia to now bid for the globe's other great sporting spectacle – the World Cup.

Even FIFA president Sepp Blatter has endorsed the view, saying: "After organising such a fantastic Olympics, Australia is absolutely and without any shadow of doubt entitled to go for the World Cup."

However, given that European countries would again be able to bid for the 2014 World Cup finals (if FIFA's rotation plans do not come into effect), Australia must set their sights on the 2010 event, to which Brazil and South Africa also have cast their eyes after the disappointments of the 2006 campaign.

"If you can stage an event with 10,000 athletes, 10,000 officials and 20,000 media personnel almost perfectly, why can't you cater for a much smaller event?" Blatter asked, fuelling speculation that Soccer Australia will soon launch a bid.

"It is much easier to hold a World Cup than an Olympics, as long as you have the venues available," the FIFA president added.

That might, however, turn out to be a sticking point for the Australians, who have some outstanding stadia but not enough to meet World Cup requirements.

The Sydney Football Ground, where the majority of Olympic soccer was held, is too small for the World Cup, and cities like Adelaide, Brisbane, Canberra and Perth also need to expand their venues.

Cameroon made a compromise deal with English club Arsenal to allow Lauren Etame-Mayer to play at the Sydney Olympics. The country have promised not to call him up for friendly internationals in the future and agreed to "work closely" with the Highbury club over his release for World Cup and Nations Cup qualifiers.

Arsenal also came off well when Nigeria's Nwankwo Kanu told his FA that he did not want to go to Sydney to defend the gold he helped win in Atlanta.

Nantes have rewarded Cameroonian international Salomon Olembe with a two-year extension to his contract after he decided to reject a call-up to play at the Olympic Games. He also gets an increased salary. Olembe, who played in the Nations Cup-winning side earlier this year, is now tied to the French club until 2004.

QUARTER-FINALS

JAPAN 2
UNITED STATES 2

(Aet. United States 5-4 on pens)

Americans stage great escape

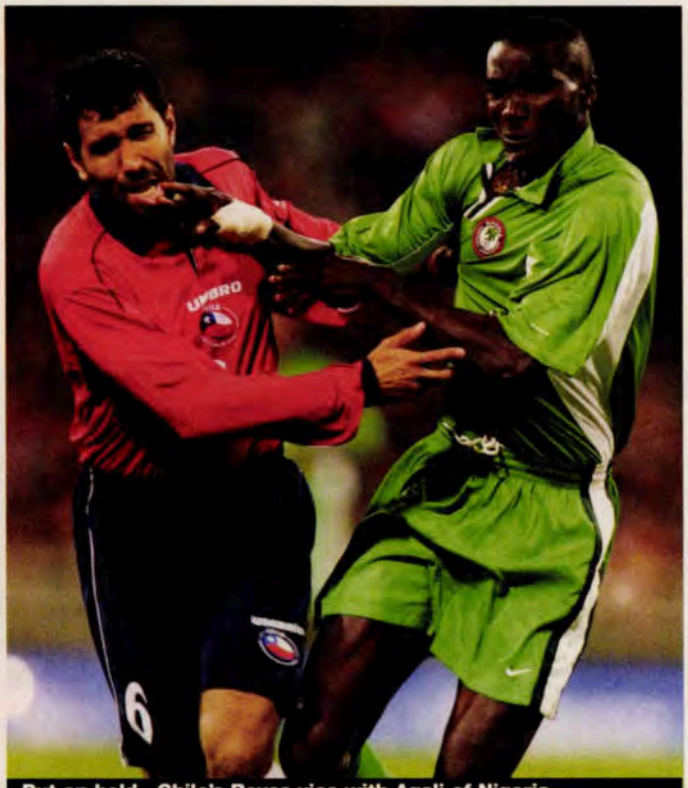
THE USA pulled off a great escape, scoring an injury-time penalty to take the game into extra time and then winning 5-4 on penalties.

Ironically it was the great hero of Japanese football, Hidetoshi Nakata, who missed the vital kick in the shoot-out.

Japan conceded the late spot-kick just a minute from time to allow Pete Vagenas to score. The Asian representatives were twice in the lead but unable to finish off the Americans.

The impressive Atsushi Yanagisawa scored first, on the half hour, only for Josh Wolff to equalise in the 68th minute. Parity lasted just four minutes with Naohiro Takahara restoring Japan's lead until their last-minute error.

Getting away...Pirlo of Italy evades Spain's Angulo



Put on hold...Chile's Reyes vies with Agali of Nigeria

CHILE 4
NIGERIA 1

Chileans raise the stakes

CHILE scored twice in two minutes to set the ball rolling against the defending gold medallists, going on to record an easy 4-1 win. Ivan Zamorano returned after injury to score and raise his tournament tally to four goals.

Reinaldo Navia also scored to join Zamorano at the top of the scoring charts, but it was Rodrigo Tello who was the man of the match. He set up two of the goals and scored the fourth.

Chile led 3-0 at half-time against a Nigerian side who were without suspended captain Celestine Babayaro and defender Azubike Oliseh, younger brother of 1996 gold medal winner Sunday.

Nigeria's consolation came 14 minutes from time through Victor Agali. But by then their fate was all but sealed.

ITALY 0
SPAIN 1

Spanish edge out favourites

ITALY had emerged as favourites during the first round of the tournament, but both they and Spain put on a turgid display at the Sydney Football Ground in this uninspiring match.

It came as some relief to those watching when Spanish substitute Gabri scored with just four minutes left, thereby avoiding the possibility of 30 minutes of extra time. The goal came at the end of a combination with Barcelona team-mate Xavi.

For Italy, the defeat ended a two-year unbeaten run at Under-23 and Under-21 level and left a disappointed coach Marco Tardelli to reflect on lost opportunities.

CAMEROON 2
BRAZIL 1

Nine-man Cameroon spring major upset

CAMEROON pulled off a sensational result, despite having all the odds against them, condemning Brazil to an early exit and some severe soul-searching.

The Indomitable Lions were simmering at the end of the game, despite their dramatic work, because of the incredible refereeing of German Helmet Fandel, who needlessly created a controversy without any provocation.

Cameroon led early on through Patrick Mboma, whose pin-point free-kick sailed over the wall and into the back of the net in the 17th minute. It was a brilliant goal which set the tone for a pulsating game.

Cameroon had captain Geremi Njitap Fotso booked for a legitimate-looking tackle early in the second half. He was then shown a second yellow for time-wasting as he prepared to take a throw-in. Both cards were severe, but Cameroon's camp really went berserk with anger when Aaron Nguimbat was sent off for pulling back Alex on the edge of the area in injury time.

Ronaldinho equalised from the resultant free-kick with just 12 seconds left, taking the match into extra time.

With just nine men, the dream seemed destined to end in a cruel fashion for Cameroon, despite having the backing of almost everybody in the record-breaking crowd. But Brazil never looked likely to capitalise on their numerical superiority and with just seven minutes left Modeste Mbami teased his way past three defenders and blasted home a dramatic golden goal winner.

GROUP A

Hosts Australia crash out

In arguably the toughest opening-round group, host nation Australia not only failed to reach the quarter-finals, but they also failed to win a single point. Defending champions Nigeria and early favourites Italy were the two teams who progressed to the next stage.

Falling to ground...Australia's Colosimo is upended by Nigeria

AUSTRALIA 0 ITALY 1

It was a heart-breaking start for the Olyroo hosts, who gave away a goal just nine minutes from time to lose in front of a 90,000 crowd in Melbourne.

The Australians, with Mark Viduka in the side after finally getting time off from his English club, Leeds United, were the better of the two sides, but a mistake by sweeper Hayden Foxe allowed Massimo Margiotta to race away with the ball and square for Andrea Pirlo to score.

Goalkeeper Christian Abbiati could also claim a great deal of credit for the Italian win following some outstanding saves – in particular from Michael Curcija and Australian captain Brett Emerton.

But Italy's counter-attacks kept the hosts under pressure and Simon Colosimo did well to clear off the line from Pirlo's free-kick.

HONDURAS 3 NIGERIA 3

This was a potentially disastrous start for the defending gold medallists. Honduras dominated the first half and were well worth their half-time lead. David Suazo, from Italian Serie B club Cagliari, scored for Honduras, having earlier missed two gilt-edged chances.

Ajax Amsterdam junior Pius Ikedia set up the equaliser for Bright Igbinadolor early in the second half, but a curling 25-yard strike by Julio Cesar Leon put Honduras back in control.

Suazo then converted a 75th-minute penalty and a major upset looked on the cards, but Nigeria battled back to salvage a point.

Victor Agali pulled it back to 3-2 with eight minutes remaining, and then in a dramatic finish, Israel-based Yakubu Ayegbeni found the room to bang home a drive from long-range in the last minute.

AUSTRALIA 2 NIGERIA 3

There was desperate disappointment for the host nation, who went into the tournament with huge expectations but were eliminated after just two matches.

Coach Raul Blanco had to fight back

GROUP B

Chile finish on top

Chile, inspired by veteran striker Ivan Zamorano, finished top of the group, ahead of the much-fancied Spain on goal difference. However, it was a close run thing, with South Korea also finishing with six points, but with an inferior goal record. Morocco, after three straight defeats, sacked their coach Henri Kasperczak.

SOUTH KOREA 0 SPAIN 3

The Koreans came into the match having beaten Nigeria 5-1 twice in warm-up games at home, but were quickly brought back down to earth by a classy Spanish side.

Tamudo fired a warning shot in the ninth minute and then captain Toni Velamazan scored the opening goal a minute later with a superb individual effort.

Jose Mari continued the skilful display, beating two Korean defenders for the second goal. The game was done and dusted eight minutes from half-time when Xavi rifled in a shot. It was a simple finish from close range with the aid of a deflection off a post.

Korea rarely threatened, even when Spain, gold medallists in Barcelona in 1992, eased off the pace.

Giant leap...Spain's Jose Mari

CHILE 4 MOROCCO 1

A hat-trick from Ivan Zamorano demonstrated the benefit of having a quality over-age player in the tournament as Chile romped home against the North Africans.

Zamorano's goals came in a spell of less than 20 minutes on either side of the half-time break, the first in the 36th minute, a second on half-time and the last in the 55th minute.

Zamorano's first goal was the best, a thundering header that crashed into the roof of the net.

Chile's task was made much easier by the dismissal of Moroccan defender Adel Chbouki in only the sixth minute for a vicious late tackle.

Reinaldo Navia scored the fourth goal for Chile 18 minutes from time. Morocco had to wait until the last 10 minutes for their consolation goal, a header from substitute El Hocine Ouchla.

MOROCCO 0 SOUTH KOREA 1

Moroccan goalkeeper Tarik El Jarmouni saved a 53rd-minute penalty but could not keep out Lee Chun-soo's strike of the rebound as Korea kept alive their hopes and the Africans bowed out of the event.

The penalty had been awarded after Kim Do-hoon was brought down in the area by centre-back Akram Roumani. The two sides produced much excitement for the crowd, but only one goal.

In the mix...Oulmers of Morocco (left)

the tears as he apologised afterwards for "letting the country down". But it was again a defensive lapse that cost the Aussies, with Nigeria's winner coming courtesy of Simon Colosimo's poor headed back pass to goalkeeper Danny Milosevic. The ball was intercepted, and slotted home, by Victor Agali.

Nigeria had gone 2-0 up after just 22 minutes, with first Pius Ikedia and then Julius Aghahowa scoring on the counter-attack. But Australia produced a wonderful fightback, with Hayden Foxe and Kasey Wehrman levelling the score before half-time.

Australian captain Brett Emerton elbowed Celestine Babayaro in the face as the game boiled over in the second half, and both were shown red cards.

HONDURAS 1 ITALY 3

Italy raced into a commanding lead with three goals after just 21 minutes, starting with Gianni Comandini's glancing header in the 11th minute. Then Massimo Ambrosini scored with a powerful header from outside the penalty area three minutes later.

Comandini's second goal came after some poor defending on the edge of the box, and he might have completed a hat-trick minutes later, but shot just wide.

Bizarrely, Comandini did score a third, but into his own goal, deflecting Julio Cesar Leon's corner past a startled Christian Abbiati.

Italy relaxed in the second half, with a quarter-final place secure, but Nicola Ventola twice missed simple chances that would have given them an even more comprehensive win.

AUSTRALIA 1 HONDURAS 2

Two goals from David Suazo continued to enhance his reputation and sent him to the top of the goalscorers' list after the group matches.

Honduras' victory condemned Australia to three successive defeats and the worst record, except for Morocco, of all the teams in the tournament.

Suazo opened the scoring in the second minute after some brilliant combination play on the counter-attack, but the Hondurans gifted Australia an equaliser six minutes into the second half by turning Wehrman's cross into their own net.

Within two minutes, however, Suazo regained the lead for the Central Americans. After a 40-yard run past three defenders, he cracked a shot in off the fingertips of goalkeeper Milosevic.

Up for it...Izaguirre of Honduras

However, Honduras won few friends among the Sydney crowd for some cynical tactics, which spoilt the game.

ITALY 1 NIGERIA 1

A partisan crowd of Italian immigrants in Adelaide did not get the win they were looking for, but Italy still finished on top of the group.

Nigeria took the lead through over-age player Garba Lawal, who converted a 39th-minute penalty after Italy keeper Abbiati had pulled down Victor Agali following a brilliant run by Pius Ikedia. Nigeria were credited with the second goal too, a wicked 30-yard volley from Roberto Baronio which took a deflection off Gbenga Okunowo and left the keeper helpless.

Baronio also managed to pick up a second yellow card, and a suspension from the quarter-finals.

The match was a scrappy affair in which Nigeria's Azubike Oliseh was also sent off after being booked twice in the space of nine minutes.

vies with Chile's Alvarez

Both teams attacked at will during the first half, while Korea pinned Morocco back for much of the second period, using fast attacks down the flanks, before the North Africans fought back furiously in the closing stages. But they were unable to break through to collect their first point of the competition.

CHILE 3 SPAIN 1

Another runaway performance from the unfancied Chileans, who were convincing in their triumph over highly-rated Spain in front of a passionate crowd in Melbourne.

Rafael Olarra scored the opening goal in the 24th minute, with Reinaldo Navia getting the first of his brace four minutes before the interval. His second came on the stroke of full time, with Ivan Zamorano helping in the build-up of two of his country's three goals.

Spain's consolation goal came from Athletic Bilbao defender Lacruz. But it was a comical effort. Patricio Ormazabal's hooked clearance hit Lacruz on the head and rebounded into the net.

The bruising encounter was followed by a heated scuffle between players and officials of the two sides.

CHILE 0 SOUTH KOREA 1

Ten-man South Korea shocked Chile with a goal after 30 minutes and then held on in a frenetic finish in Adelaide. The Koreans finished the group on the same number of points as the top two sides but went out on goal difference.

Korea's Lee Chun-Soo was sent off in only the 12th minute but his side found themselves, somewhat surprisingly, in the lead at half-time through Lee Dong-gook.

Chile had gone into the game without Ivan Zamorano, and the inspiration of the veteran striker was clearly missing in a performance that came close to costing them top place in the group.

But the Koreans could also point to the absence of their captain Kim Do-kyun with a calf injury.

MOROCCO 0 SPAIN 2

Spain needed to win by three clear goals (and score at least four times) to make sure they secured top place in the group and avoid Italy in the quarter-finals, but had to settle for a disappointing margin of victory. They finished one goal behind Chile in the final group standings.

The Spaniards dominated the game for long periods and should have won with a bigger margin. In the end, though, they scored their second goal in the last minute. Jose Mari claimed the first goal following Capdevila's flick on from a corner.

Red hot...Chile's Contreras and Olarra

After that Spain squandered several chances and forced some fine saves from Tarik El Jarmouni in the Moroccan goal. Substitute Gabri then scored Spain's second goal in the 89th minute.

GROUP C

US and Cameroon just edge it

The United States and Cameroon edged through to the quarter-finals from a tight group. The US only secured top spot in the group in the final minutes of their third match, when they beat Kuwait. Cameroon drew with the Czech Republic in their final group match to secure second place.

CZECH REPUBLIC 2 UNITED STATES 2

This was a match of lost opportunities, with both sides missing several chances and having to settle for the draw.

The Americans looked the better team, however, dominating in midfield against the runners-up from the European Under-21 championship earlier this year.

Chris Albright opened the scoring in the 21st minute, turning in Josh Wolff's low cross, but some great skill by Marek Jankulovski put the Czechs level soon after. He twisted around four defenders before firing a shot that Brad Friedel in the American goal should have saved.

One minute before half-time Wolff slid in at the back post to restore the US's lead. But it took only seven minutes into the second half for the Czechs to equalise, Lukas Dosek converting from the penalty spot.

CAMEROON 3 KUWAIT 2

Cameroon's defence leaked like the Titanic and, as a result, they struggled to win a game they should have coasted.

There were numerous silly errors in the back four as the Africans allowed Kuwait a chance after taking a 37th-minute lead through Nicolas Alnoudji. The goal threatened to open the floodgates but suddenly after an hour, it was 1-1, with Khalaf Al Mutairi equalising at the end of a goalmouth scramble.

Patrick Mboma hesitated with the goal at his mercy and missed a brilliant chance 15 minutes from time, but then had his blushes spared as Kuwait failed to clear and a square ball back across the face of the goal gave Mboma a chance to slide it in and restore the lead.

Then Lauren Etame-Mayer made sure of the points with a deft touch off the post.

CZECH REPUBLIC 2 KUWAIT 3

A sensational result for Kuwait, who looked to be heading for a healthy hiding after Marek Heinz had put the Czechs in the lead after just 100 seconds.

But then came a remarkable second-half recovery, with three goals in 17 minutes for the Arab side.

Khalaf Al Mutairi scored first in the 56th minute and then Ethiopia-born Faraj Saeid added two more, both breakaway efforts after elementary mistakes by the Czech defence.

Libor Sionko hit the woodwork as the Czechs fought back, but they only managed a consolation in the last minute from giant centre-back Roman Lengyel.

It was a famous win for the Kuwaiti amateurs, coached by the former Notts County goalkeeper Radojko Avramovic, and they furiously celebrated at the end of a perfect night in Brisbane.

CAMEROON 1 UNITED STATES 1

The Americans had the upper hand, dominating the game for long spells, but both goals in the game came from the penalty spot.

Cameroon scored first when veteran defender Jeff Agoos brought down Lauren Etame-Mayer in the 16th minute. Up stepped Patrick Mboma to convert and Cameroon led until just after the hour mark, when the Americans were awarded a penalty of their own. Goalkeeper Daniel Bekono was the guilty party, bringing down Josh Wolff, and Pete Vagenas scored from the resultant kick.

Wolff, Conor Casey and Chris Albright all missed scoring chances for the Americans, for whom John O'Brien of Ajax was an inspiration in midfield.

GROUP D

Unconvincing Brazil go through

Brazil reached the quarter-finals after topping the group, but were far from convincing. After overcoming Slovakia in their opening match, Wanderley Luxemburgo's side slumped to a 3-1 defeat by South Africa, before recovering to beat Japan, who also qualified for the quarter-finals, finishing in second place on goal difference.

BRAZIL 3 SLOVAKIA 1

A flash of temper from 'wonderboy' Ronaldinho could well have cost Brazil in their opening game, and the Gremio star was lucky to receive only a yellow card for viciously kicking a ball at an opponent after the half-time whistle had blown.

Had he been sent off, Brazil would have gone into the second half level at 1-1 and down to 10 men, but a full complement won through with two second-half goals.

Slovakia had taken a shock lead through Andrej Porazik, but Brazil equalised quickly through Edu.

The South Americans took charge after the break. Fabio Aurelio was credited with the second goal, although defender Marian Cisovsky did turn it into his own net, and captain Alex made sure of the result with Brazil's third goal in injury time.

JAPAN 2 SOUTH AFRICA 1

There was plenty of pre-match 'trash talking' from South Africa, who had several players from the 1998 World Cup squad, when Philippe Troussier was in charge, wanting to show up their former coach.

Most of the talk was from Benni McCarthy, who felt Troussier overlooked him. But the Frenchman had the last laugh as his Japan side came from behind to win.

South Africa took the lead through Siyabonga Nomvete on the half-hour from a McCarthy cross. But they were caught napping just before half-time when Naohiro Takahara equalised from a free-kick.

Takahara then seized on defensive hesitation to score the winner as their teamwork overcame the Africans' flair.

There were eight yellow cards in this fiery encounter.

Eye on the ball...Buckley of South Africa (right) with Japan's Myojin

BRAZIL 1 SOUTH AFRICA 3

There was a record crowd at Brisbane's Gabba stadium, ostensibly to watch the mythical samba of Brazilian soccer. But by the time the game had finished they were converts to the cause of South Africa, who kept alive their chances of a quarter-final place.

Quinton Fortune, booked in the third minute for a needless foul and suspended for one match, restored his reputation by scoring with a brilliant free-kick in the 10th minute.

But South Africa allowed the Brazilians to equalise within 60 seconds, through Edu.

Siyabonga Nomvete headed home at the near post to put the Africans back in front, and as Brazil pushed forward in the closing stages, Steve Lekoelea tapped home from close range after Daniel Matsau's initial effort had been parried into his path.

Floored...Cameroon's Mboma

CAMEROON 1 CZECH REPUBLIC 1

Lauren Etame-Mayer's skills ensured the expected lead for Cameroon, but he was one of the Cameroonian players who then disappeared from the thick of the action with fatigue in the second half.

It allowed the Czechs to fight back and, but for some poor finishing, they might well have grabbed a last-gasp, albeit undeserved, quarter-final berth.

Lukas Dosek equalised for the Czechs to give them a glimpse of further progress, but namesake Libor, the tallest player at the tournament, missed a glorious chance at the death to take all three points. He somehow managed to tip the ball over the top when it might have been easier to score.

KUWAIT 1 UNITED STATES 3

The US won the group, but were only sure of top place in the final minutes, when substitute Landon Donovan got their third goal in what was an easy encounter with Kuwait in rain-drenched Melbourne.

Danny Califf gave them the lead in the 40th minute with a powerful header from Jeff Agoos' corner, and Chris Albright added a second after the interval, latching on to a through ball from John O'Brien.

Kuwait could not repeat their heroics of the match against the Czechs but did pull it back to 2-1 through Bader Najem in the 83rd minute. Donovan, promoted from last year's US Under-17 team, made sure of the win in the 88th minute after combining well with Josh Wolff.

JAPAN 2 SLOVAKIA 1

This was a 19th successive victory for Philippe Troussier's team. Hidetoshi Nakata opened the scoring with a diving header 23 minutes from the end, but was also booked for the second time in the tournament, ruling him out of the crucial final group game against Brazil.

Junichi Inamoto increased the lead seven minutes before Slovakia's tall midfielder Andrej Porazik pulled one back with seven minutes left.

For Slovakia, it was a second successive defeat and left them needing a miracle to reach the last eight.

BRAZIL 1 JAPAN 0

Brazil were under incredible pressure to win the game and keep alive their hopes in the tournament, so there was understandable relief when captain Alex rose at the far post after just five minutes and headed home.

A record crowd in Brisbane made it a tense occasion, as the two sides battled through the rest of the game without scoring any more goals. But with South Africa losing to Slovakia the same evening, the result became academic.

Atsushi Yanagisawa was the pick of the Japanese, with his subtle touches, but the suspension of Hidetoshi Nakata robbed them of their key weapon.

For Brazil, Ronaldinho again turned in a mediocre performance and was substituted in the second half.

SLOVAKIA 2 SOUTH AFRICA 1

South African sport has a history of snatching 'defeat from the jaws of victory' and the Under-23 side kept up this unwanted tradition against the Slovakians in Canberra.

Victory would have ensured top spot in the group for South Africa. But squandered chances in the first half were punished by Slovakia after the interval, with goals from captain Juraj Czinege and speedy striker Jan Slahor.

Goalkeeper Emile Baron was caught out of position for the first and should also take some blame for the second.

Benni McCarthy pulled a goal back 15 minutes from time but despite some close calls the Africans were unable to net the two further goals they needed to qualify.

RESULTS AT A GLANCE

GROUP A

Nigeria-Honduras 3-3
Australia-Italy 0-1
Italy-Honduras 3-1
Australia-Nigeria....2-3
Italy-Nigeria....1-1
Australia-Honduras....1-2

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Italy	3	2	1	0	5	2	7
Nigeria	3	1	2	0	7	6	5
Honduras	3	1	1	1	6	7	4
Australia	3	0	0	3	3	6	0

GROUP B

South Korea-Spain....0-3
Morocco-Chile....1-4
South Korea-Morocco....1-0
Spain-Chile 1-3
South Korea-Chile....1-0
Spain-Morocco 2-0

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Chile	3	2	0	1	7	3	6
Spain	3	2	0	1	6	3	6
Sth Korea	3	2	0	1	2	3	6
Morocco	3	0	0	3	1	7	0

GROUP C

Cameroon-Kuwait 3-2
United States-Czech Republic....2-2
Czech Republic-Kuwait....2-3
United States-Cameroon....1-1
Czech Republic-Cameroon....1-1
United States-Kuwait 3-1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
USA	3	1	2	0	6	4	5
Cameroon	3	1	2	0	5	4	5
Kuwait	3	1	0	2	6	8	3
Czech Rep	3	0	2	1	5	6	2

GROUP D

Brazil-Slovakia....3-1
South Africa-Japan....1-2
Brazil-South Africa....1-3
Slovakia-Japan....1-2
Brazil-Japan 1-0
Slovakia-South Africa 2-1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Brazil	3	2	0	1	5	4	6
Japan	3	2	0	1	4	3	6
Sth Africa	3	1	0	2	5	5	3
Slovakia	3	1	0	2	4	6	3

QUARTER-FINALS

Japan-United States....2-2
(Aet. United States 5-4 on pens)
Brazil-Cameroon 1-2
Italy-Spain....0-1
Chile-Nigeria 4-1

SEMI-FINALS

Spain-United States 3-1
Chile-Cameroon 1-2

THIRD PLACE PLAY-OFF

Chile-United States 2-0

FINAL

Cameroon-Spain 2-2
(Aet. Cameroon 5-3 on pens)

Final tackle...Lacruz of Spain stops Cameroon's Ngom Kome

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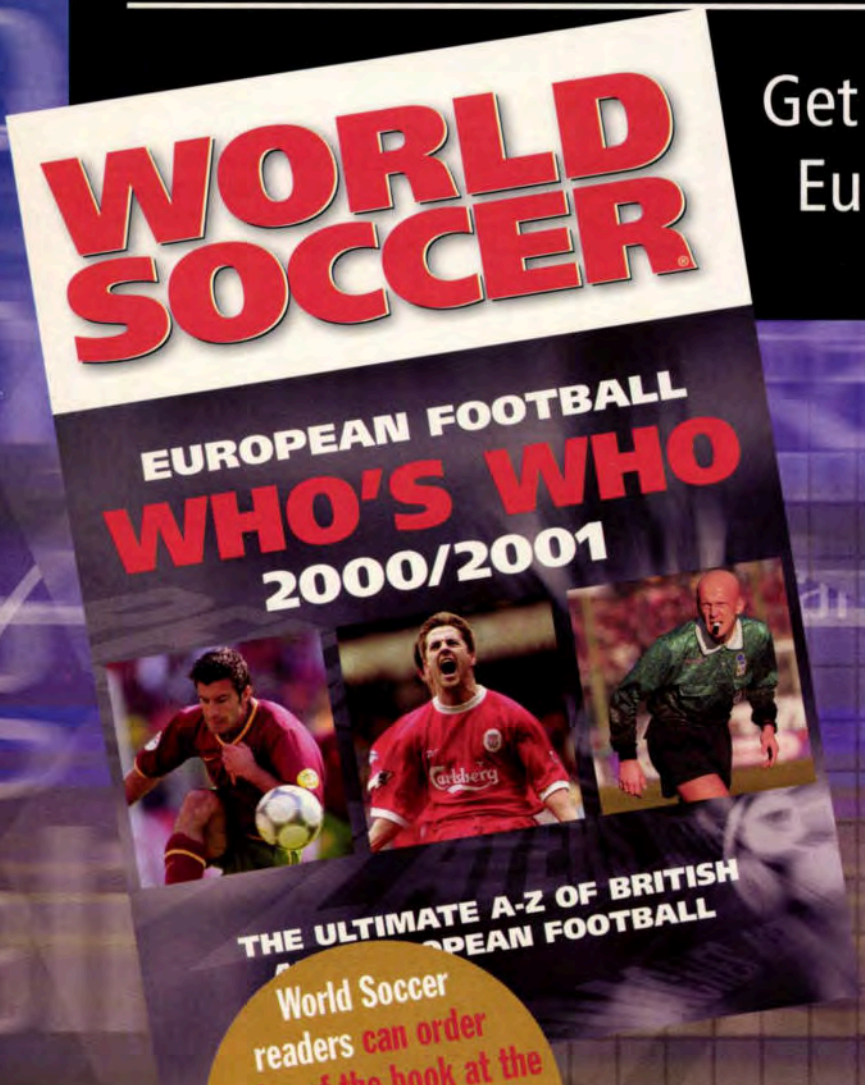

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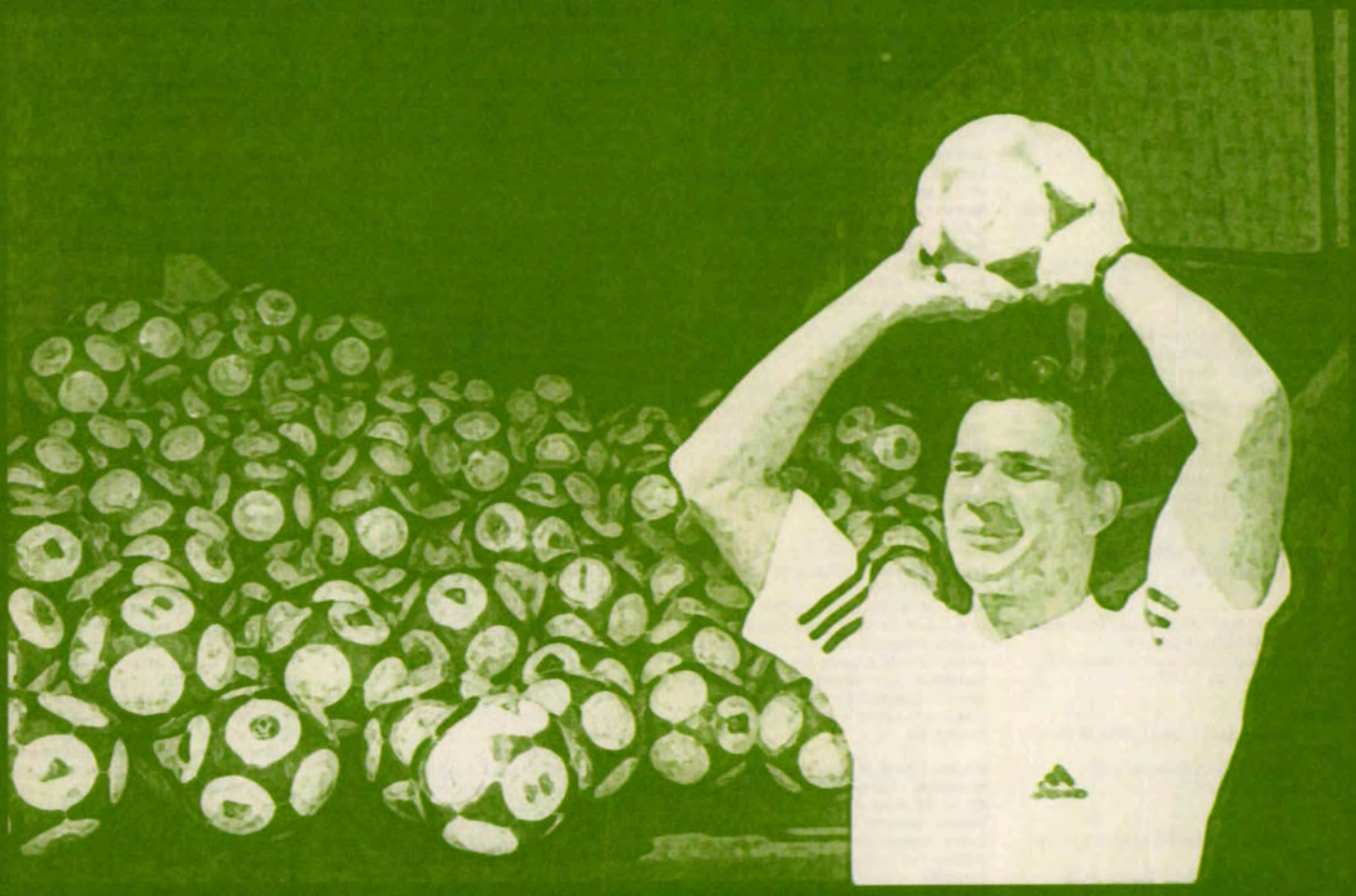

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INTERNATIONALS

Thursday, September 7

Sep 7 - Melbourne - friendly
Australia 1 (Culina 8)
South Africa 0
HT: 1-0. **Att:** 12,000

Wednesday, September 20

Sep 20 - Mexico City - friendly
Mexico 2 (Borguetti 10, Ruiz 60)
Ecuador 0
HT: 1-0. **Att:** 20,500. **Ref:** Stock
Mexico: Campos - Saavedra (Higareda 63), Suarez (Almaguer 71), Duilio, Blanco, Ruiz - Villa, Ruiz (Lozano 82), Zepeda - Osorno (Olaide 77), Borguetti.
Ecuador: Ceballos - De Jesus, Espinoza, Geron, Borja - Obregon (Gustavino 70), Sanchez, Paredes, Ayobi - Figuero, Hurtado (Capurro 69).

Sunday, September 24

Sep 24 - Dakar - AfNC qual
Senegal 0
Togo 0

EUROPEAN U-21 CHAMPIONSHIP

GROUP 1
Sep 1 (Lucerne): Switzerland 3 (Frei 58, Cabanas 79, Muff 83) Russia 1 (Ramazanov 27).
Sep 2: Luxembourg 0 Yugoslavia 3 (Brnovic 17, Duljaj 24, Boskovic 44).

GROUP 2
Sep 1 (Nijmegen): Holland 2 (Van der Gun 51, Patrick Ax 88) Rep Ireland 0.
Sep 2 (Riga): Estonia 1 (Kirilov 5) Portugal 3 (Paulo Costa 11, 49, Alveira 51).

GROUP 3
Sep 1 (Vratsa): Bulgaria 1 (Kolev 77) Czech Republic 0.
(Hafnarfjordur): Iceland 0 Denmark 0.
(Belfast): Northern Ireland 1 (Hamilton 61) Malta 1 (Michael Galea 10).

GROUP 4
Sep 2 (Sumgayit): Azerbaijan 0 Sweden 5 (Kallstrom 14, Berglund 45, 75, Elmander 83, Pricha 90).
Sep 2 (Bratislava): Slovakia 2 (Schrer 4, 11) Macedonia 0.
(Izmit): Turkey 1 (Nihat 52) Moldova 0.

GROUP 5
Sep 1 (Borisov): Belarus 4 (Kutuzov pen 25, pen 90, Lezianich 44, Byliga 58) Wales 1 (Earnshaw 85).
(Nadderud): Norway 5 (Carew 23, 47, Karadas 31, George 33, Ludvigsen 84) Armenia 1 (Erzrumijam 68).
(Kyiv): Ukraine 2 (Bielik 51, Ditkovskyi 89) Poland 2 (Rasiak 62, Ciesielski 75).

GROUP 6
Sep 1 (Riga): Latvia 1 (Kolesnichenko 18) Scotland 3 (Hughes 26, Burchill 63, Easton 84).
(Charleroi): Belgium 2 (Soetaers 15, Smolders 90) Croatia 1 (M Bilic 36).

GROUP 7
Sep 1 (Zenica): Bosnia 0 Spain 2 (Colsa 30, Vicente 49).
Sep 3 (Brest): France 3 (Luyindula 3, 50, Malbranque 73) Israel 0.

GROUP 8
Sep 2 (Bucharest): Romania 2 (Niculae 27, pen 74) Lithuania 0.
(Budapest): Hungary 0 Italy 3 (Cassano 39, 76, Colombo 84).

GROUP 9
Sep 1 (Hameenlinna): Finland 3 (Roika 35, 84, Vayrynen 46) Albania 0.
(Lubeck): Germany 2 (Freier 46, Bierofka 70) Greece 1 (Kazantzis 88).

EUROPE

UEFA CHAMPIONS LEAGUE

FIRST GROUP PHASE

1st matchday

September 12

GROUP A

Moscow Spartak 2 (Titov 51, Bezrodny 89)
Bayer Leverkusen 0
HT: 0-0. **Att:** 48,000. **Ref:** Durkin (Eng)
Spartak: Filimonov - Parfenov, Kovtun, Ananko, Bulatov, Stolcers (Baranov 46), Titov, Tikhonov, Bezrodnyi, Chirko (Marcao 74), Robson (Kalnichenko 75).
Leverkusen: Zuberbuehler - R Kovac, Nowotny, Zivkovic, Ballack, Vranjes, Ojigwe (Schneider 63), Ramelow, Ze Roberto (Brdaric 62), Paulo Rink, Neuville.

Sporting Lisbon 2 (Sa Pinto 38, Andre Cruz 42)
Real Madrid 2 (Roberto Carlos 50, Rui Jorge og 70)
HT: 2-0. **Att:** 42,000. **Ref:** Trentalange (Ita)
Sporting: Schmeichel - Cesar Prates, Beto, Andre Cruz, Rui Jorge, Hugo (Bruno Caires 72), Sa Pinto (Edmilson 80), Bino, Horvath, Joao Pinto (Tonito 84), Acosta.
Madrid: Casillas - Michel Salgado, Ivan Campo, Ivan Helguera, Roberto Carlos, Flavio Conceicao (Guti 60), Makelele (Celades 60), Luis Figo, Savio, Raul, Munitis (Julio Cesar 89).

GROUP B

Shakhtar Donetsk 0
Lazio 3 (Claudio Lopez 27, Nedved 70, Inzaghi 80)
HT: 0-1. **Att:** 31,000. **Ref:** Piraux (Blg)
Shakhtar: Virt - Gleveckas, Tymoshchyuk, Popov, Bakharev, Zubov, Atelkin, Vorobei, Shmarko, Shevchyuk, Abramov (Bilyk 79).
Lazio: Peruzzi - Mihajlovic (Fernando Couto 55), Nesta, Simeone (Sensini 81), Pancaro, Nedved, Favalli, Stankovic (Lombardo 80), Inzaghi, Veron, Claudio Lopez.

Sparta Prague 0
Arsenal 1 (Silvinho 33)
HT: 0-1. **Att:** 17,666. **Ref:** Veissiere (Fra)
Sparta: Postulka - Grygera, Svoboda, J Novotny, Kincl (Siegl 62), Obajdin, Bolf, P Novotny, Papousek (Prohaszka 79), Rosicky, Mynar (Flachbart 86).
Arsenal: Seaman - Dixon, Luzhnyi, Grimandi, Silvinho, Vieira, Keown, Pires, Ljungberg (Vivas 80), Henry (Wiltord 77), Kanu.

GROUP C

Lyon 3 (Anderson 2, Houttuin og 10, Marlet 58)
Heerenveen 1 (Talan 35)
HT: 2-1. **Att:** 30,000. **Ref:** Dougal (Sco)
Lyon: Coupet - Deflandre, Laville (Muller 60), Edmilson, Brechet, Laigle, Foe, Dhorasoo, Linares, Marlet (Govou 90), Anderson (Malbranque 76).
Heerenveen: Vonk - Venema, Hansma, G De Nooijer, Radomski, Nurmela, Talan (Ebbinge 83), Jensen (Tuhuteru 39), Lurling, Houttuin, Van Gessel (Huizingh 72).

Valencia 2 (Baraja 36, Diego Alonso 44)
Olympiakos 1 (Djordjevic 73)
HT: 2-0. **Att:** 44,000. **Ref:** Frisk (Swe)
Valencia: Canizares - Angloma, Pellegrino, Djukic, Carboni, Mendieta, Deschamps, Baraja, Kily Gonzalez, Zahovic (Juan Sanchez 63), Diego Alonso (Carew 85).
Olympiakos: Eleftheropoulos - Mavrogenidis (Ofori-Quaye 72), Amanatidis, Patsatzoglou, Kontis, Djordjevic, Ze Elias, Poursanidis (Giannakopoulos 84), Luciano (Choutos 89), Zetterberg, Giovanni.

GROUP D

Galatasaray 3 (Jardel 16, Hagi 29, Capone 80)
Monaco 2 (Nonda 50, Simone pen 62)
HT: 2-0. **Att:** 22,000. **Ref:** Ibanez (Spa)
Galatasaray: Taffarel - Bulent Korkmaz, Popescu, Emre, Okan Buruk (Bulent Akin 17), Suat, Hagi, Jardel (Marcio Santos 90), Umit (Hasan Sas 67), Capone, Hakan Unsal. *Sent off: Hagi 69min.*
Monaco: Porato - Marquez, Christanval, Djetou, Giuly, Simone, Dabo, Leonard (Riise 9), Nonda (Prso 78), Bonnal (Farnerud 85), Iries. *Sent off: Dabo 71min.*

Rangers 5 (Mols 9, De Boer 19, Albertz 29, Van Bronckhorst 71, Dodds 85)
Sturm Graz 0
HT: 3-0. **Att:** 49,317. **Ref:** Cortez-Baptista (Por)
Rangers: Klos - Reyna, Konterman, Amoruso, Numan, De Boer (McCann 71), B Ferguson, Albertz, Van Bronckurst, Johnston (Kanchelskis 76), Mols (Dodds 59).
Sturm: Schicklgruber - Mamedov, Foda, Strafner, Schopp, Schupp, Korsos, Fleurquin, Prilasnig, Reinmayr (Szabics 79), Yuran (Mahlich 79).

September 13

GROUP E

Hamburg 4 (Yeboah 17, Mahdavikia 65, Butt pen 72, N Kovac 82)
Juventus 4 (Tudor 5, Inzaghi 36, 53, pen 88)
HT: 1-2. **Att:** 48,600. **Ref:** Melo Pereira (Por)
Hamburg: Butt - Hertzsch, Hoogma, Panadic, Hollerbach (Ketelaer 46), N Kovac, Groth (Tofting 27), Cardoso (Prager 66), Barbarez, Yeboah, Mahdavikia.
Juventus: Van der Sar - Ferrara, Tudor, Iuliano (Birindelli 59), O'Neill (Bachini 73), Tacchinardi, Davids, Pessotto, Zidane, Del Piero (Kovacevic 59), Inzaghi.

Panathinaikos 1 (Warzycha 29)
Deportivo La Coruna 1 (Naybet 84)
HT: 1-0. **Att:** 52,000. **Ref:** Dallas (Sco)
Panathinaikos: Nikopolidis - Henriksen, Vokolos, Olivares, Fissas, Paulo Sousa (Pflipsen 57), Kola (Sypniewski 77), Karagounis, Basinas, Warzycha (Koutsoures 69), Limberopoulos.
La Coruna: Molina - Manuel Pablo, Donato, Naybet, Romero, Mauro Silva, Emerson (Valeron 73), Fran, Pandiani, Victor (Scaloni 82), Tristan (Cesar Sampaio 87).

GROUP F

Helsingborgs 1 (Bjorn Johansen 90)
Bayern Munich 3 (Scholl 7, Salihamidzic 48, Jancker 54)
HT: 0-1. **Att:** 12,623. **Ref:** Barber (Eng)
Helsingborgs: Sven Andersson - Ola Nilsson, Roland Nilsson, Matovac, Bjorn Johansen, U Jansson (Jesper Jansson 76), Niklas Persson, Michael Hansson, Stig Johansen (Eklund 61), Christoffer Andersson (Prica 73), Alvaro Santos.
Bayern: Kahn (Wessels 66) - Sagnol, Lizarazu, Kuffour, P Andersson, Wiesinger, Scholl (Strunz 65), Sforza, Fink, Jancker, Salihamidzic (Hargreaves 83).

Rosenborg 3 (Berg 17, Frode Johnsen 62, Skammelsrud pen 90)
Paris Saint-Germain 1 (Christian 7)
HT: 1-1. **Att:** 13,921. **Ref:** Oguz Sarvan (Tur)
Rosenborg: Arason - Hoftun, Basma, Strand (Knutsen 77), O Berg, Sorensen, Frode Johnsen, Skammelsrud, Winsnes, Bent Inge Johnsen, Stensaas.
PSG: Letizi - El Karkouri, Luccin, Robert (Okocha 66), Dalmat, Dehu, Algerino, Cisse, Distin, Christian (Leroy 81), Anelka.

GROUP G

Manchester United 5 (Cole 15, 50, 72, Irwin pen 29, Sheringham 42)
Anderlecht 1 (Koller 55)
HT: 3-0. **Att:** 62,749. **Ref:** Hauge (Nor)
Man United: Barthez - G Neville, Johnsen, Silvestre, Irwin (P Neville 69), Beckham, Keane, Scholes, Giggs (Solskjaer 59), Sheringham, Cole (Yorke 74).
Anderlecht: De Wilde - Crasson, Staelens, De Boeck, Dheedene, Van Diemen (Oyen 46), Vanderhaeghe, Baseggio, Goor (Ilic 59), Koller, Radzinski (Youla 59).

PSV Eindhoven 2 (Lucius 39, Bruggink 52)
Kyiv Dynamo 1 (Shatskikh 6)
HT: 1-1. **Att:** 28,000. **Ref:** Cerazi (Ita)
PSV: Waterreus - Van der Weerden, Nikiforov, Hofland (Ooijer 82), Heintze, Claudio (Lucius 37), Vogel, Van Bommel, Bouma, Kezman, Bruggink (De Jong 85).
Dynamo: Shovkovskyi - Khatskevich (Kuzmichev 73), Holovko, Vaschuk, Dmytrulin, Kaladze, Nesmachny, Bialkevich, Husin (Moroz 82), Shatskikh (Serebrennikov 73), Demetradze.

GROUP H

Barcelona 4 (Rivaldo 8, De Boer 20, Kluivert 74, 84)
Leeds United 0
HT: 2-0. **Att:** 90,000. **Ref:** Merk (Ger)
Barcelona: Dutruel - Abelardo, De Boer, Sergi, Cocu (Petit 54), Gerard, Simao, Rivaldo (Alfonso 73), Overmars, Dani (De la Pena 65), Kluivert.
Leeds: Martyn - Kelly, Duberry, Radebe (Hay 88), Harte, Bowyer, McPhail (Hackworth 73), Dacourt, Mills, Smith, Bridges.

Milan 4 (Coco'36, Bierhoff 44, Shevchenko pen 45, 77)
Besiktas 1 (Tayfur pen 20)
HT: 3-1. **Att:** 53,436. **Ref:** Wojcik (Pol)
Milan: Dida - Chamot, Costacurta, Maldini, Helveg, Giunti (Brncic 85), Albertini, Coco (Serginho 76), Saudati (Guglielminpietro 62), Bierhoff, Shevchenko.
Beskitas: Shorunmu - Halilagic (Khlestov 67), Umit, Erman, Kahran, Tayfur, Yasin (Ozdilek Mehmet 61), Uzulmez Ibrahim (Bektas Bayram 76), Munch, Ahmet Dursun, Nouma.

2nd matchday

September 19

GROUP E

Juventus 2 (Tacchinardi 35, Trezeguet 83)
Panathinaikos 1 (Goumas 45)
HT: 1-1. **Att:** 35,422. **Ref:** Pedersen (Nor)
Juventus: Van der Sar - Ferrara, Tudor, Paramatti, Conte (Birindelli 60), Tacchinardi, Davids, Pessotto (Bachini 46), Zidane, Inzaghi, Del Piero (Trezeguet 62).
Panathinaikos: Nikopolidis - Henriksen, Vokolos, Olivares, Fissas (Sipniewski 88), Goumas, Kola, Karagounis (Pflipsen 82), Basinas, Warzycha (Nasiopoulos 78), Limberopoulos.

Deportivo La Coruna 2 (Pandiani 43, Scaloni 89)
Hamburg 1 (Barbarez 53)
HT: 1-0. **Att:** 15,000. **Ref:** Jol (Hol)
La Coruna: Molina - Manuel Pablo, Donato, Naybet, Romero, Mauro Silva, Emerson (Valeron 62), Fran, Victor (Scaloni 81), Pandiani, Diego Tristan (Turu Flores 64).
Hamburg: Butt - Hertzsch, Hoogma, Panadic, N Kovac, Tofting, Barbarez (Fischer 87), Mahdavikia, Yeboah (Cardoso 46), Hollerbach, Ketelaer (Prager 46).

GROUP F

Bayern Munich 3 (Jancker 73, Elber 77, Linke 80)
Rosenborg 1 (Sorensen 38)
HT: 0-1. **Att:** 20,000. **Ref:** Fernandez Marin (Spa)
Bayern: Kahn - Sagnol, Andersson (Santa Cruz 46; Elber 74), Linke, Lizarazu (Tarnat 43), Wiesinger, Fink, Sforza, Scholl, Jancker, Salihamidzic.
Rosenborg: Jamtfall - Basma, Hoftun, Bent Johnsen, Stensaas, Winsnes, Skammelsrud, Berg, Sorensen, Frode Johnsen, Strand (Knutsen 81).

Paris Saint-Germain 4 (Anelka 24, Robert 63, Christian 80, El Karkouri 89)
Helsingborgs 1 (Bjorn Johansen 45)
HT: 1-1. **Att:** 28,303. **Ref:** Dallas (Sco)
PSG: Letizi - Algerino, Rabesandratana, El Karkouri, Mendy, Luccin, Dalmat (Yanovski 82), Benarbia (Cisse 75), Robert, Christian (Leroy 89), Anelka.
Helsingborgs: Sven Andersson - Roland Nilsson, Ola Nilsson, Matovac, Persson, Christoffer Andersson (Michael Hansson 73), Bjorn Johansen (Eklund 80), Ulrik Jansson, Stig Johansen, Jesper Jansson, Alvaro Santos.

GROUP G

Anderlecht 1 (Dheedene 81)
PSV Eindhoven 0
HT: 0-0. **Att:** 28,000. **Ref:** Lopez Nieto (Spa)
Anderlecht: De Wilde - Crasson, Staelens, De Boeck, Dheedene, Vanderhaeghe, Baseggio, Goor, Iachtchouk (Stoica 58), Radzinski (Dindane 73), Koller.
PSV: Waterreus - Ooijer, Van der Weerden, Nikiforov, Heintze, Rommedahl (Lucius 63), Vogel, Van Bommel, Bouma (Kolkka 79), Kezman, Bruggink (De Jong 72).

Kyiv Dynamo 0
Manchester United 0
Att: 60,000. **Ref:** Milton Nielsen (Den)
Dynamo: Shovkovskyi - Khatskevich, Holovko, Vaschuk, Dmytrulin (Bodnar 82), Kaladze,

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Nesmachny, Bialkevich, Shatskikh, Demetradze (Kuzmichev 65), Husin (Fedorov 86).
Man United: Van der Gouw - G Neville, Irwin, Johnsen, Silvestre, Beckham, Butt, Cole (Solskjaer 77), Giggs, Keane, Yorke (Sheringham 64).

GROUP H

Besiktas 3 (Ahmet Dursun 37, 74, Nouma 87)
Barcelona 0
HT: 1-0. **Att:** 20,000. **Ref:** Colombo (Fra)
Besiktas: Shorunmu - Karhan, Tayfur, Ahmet Dursun (Yasin 80), Nihat, Munch, Umit, Khlestov, Erman (Rahim 90), Ibrahim Uzulmez, Nouma (Fazli 88).
Barcelona: Dutruel - De Boer, Abelardo, De la Pena, Kluivert (Dani 73), Rivaldo, Overmars, Sergi (Alfonso 63), Gerard, Petit, Simao (Zenden 76).

Leeds United 1 (Bowyer 89)
Milan 0
HT: 0-0. **Att:** 35,398. **Ref:** Benko (Aut)
Leeds: Martyn - Kelly, Duberry, Mills, Matteo, Bakke, Bowyer, Dacourt, Harte, Smith, Bridges.
Milan: Dida - Chamot, Costacurta, Maldini, Helveg, Albertini, Giunti (Saudati 90), Coco, Guglielminpietro (De Ascentis 60), Bierhoff, Shevchenko.

September 20

GROUP A

Bayer Leverkusen 3 (Ramelow 65, Brdaric 72, Neuville 77)
Sporting Lisbon 2 (Andre Cruz 12, Sa Pinto pen 79)
HT: 0-1. **Att:** 22,500. **Ref:** Fisker (Den)
Leverkusen: Zuberbuhler - Ojigwe (Brdaric 46), Zivkovic, Nowotny, R Kovac, Schneider (Vranjes 90), Ramelow, Ballack, Gresko (Neuendorf 68), Neuville, Paulo Rink.
Sporting: Schmeichel - Cesar Prates, Beto, Andre Cruz, Rui Jorge (Tonito 75), Hugo, Bino, Sa Pinto, Joao Pinto, Horvath (Babb 61), Acosta (Mpenza 73). *Sent off: Joao Pinto 41min.*

Real Madrid 1 (Ivan Helguera 50)
Moscow Spartak 0
HT: 0-0. **Att:** 25,000. **Ref:** Irvine (NI)
Madrid: Casillas - Michel Salgado, Ivan Helguera, Karanka, Roberto Carlos, Celades (Hierro 82), Makelele, Figo, Savio (McManaman 65), Guti, Munitis (Tote 89).
Spartak: Filimonov - Kovtun, Ananko, Parfenov, Bulatov, Tchuiss (Shirko 58), Stolcers (Bezrodny 65), Titov, Tikhonov, Kalynychenko, Robson (Marcao 74).

GROUP B

Arsenal 3 (Wiltord 45, Keown 85, 90)
Shakhtar Donetsk 2 (Bakharev 26, Vorobei 29)
HT: 1-2. **Att:** 33,922. **Ref:** Strampe (Ger)
Arsenal: Seaman - Dixon, Keown, Luzhnyi, Silvinho, Pires (Wiltord 33), Vieira, Grimandi, Ljungberg (Bergkamp 66), Henry, Kanu.
Shakhtar: Virt - Starostyak, Popov, Tymoschuk, Gleveckas, Abramov (Kryventsov 58), Atelkin (Kovalov 76), Bakharev (Bielik 69), Shevchuk, Vorobei, Zubov. *Sent off: Popov 45min.*

Lazio 3 (Inzaghi 35, 70, Simeone 58)
Sparta Prague 0
HT: 1-0. **Att:** 45,000. **Ref:** Vassaras (Gre)
Lazio: Marchegiani - Favalli (Colonnese 80), Nesta, Fernando Couto, Pancaro, Stankovic, Simeone, Veron, Nedved (Sensini 80), Inzaghi (Lombardo 73), Salas.
Sparta: Postulka - Grygera, Hornak, J Novotny, Mynar (Labant 56), Bolf, Z Svoboda (Kolousek 78), Jarosik, Rosicky, Kincl (Siegl 82), Obajdin.

GROUP C

Heerenveen 0
Valencia 1 (Kily Gonzalez 38)
HT: 0-1. **Att:** 14,000. **Ref:** Ivanov (Rus)
Heerenveen: Vonk - Ebiinge, Venema, Hansma, G De Nooijer, Radomski, D Jensen (Denneboom 82), Huizingh, Nurmela, Talan, Lurting.
Valencia: Canizares - Angloma, Pellegrino, Djukic, Carboni, Mendieta, Deschamps (Milla 10), Baraja, Kily Gonzalez (Vicente 46), Juan Sanchez, Diego Alonso (Carew 80).

[illegible]mpiakos 2 (Ofori-Quaye 19, Giovanni 34)
[illegible] 1 (Foe 86)
[illegible]0. Att: 70,000. **Ref:** Poll (Eng)
[illegible]iakos: Eleftheropoulos - Antzas, Amanatidis, [illegible]Giannakopoulos 74), Patsatzoglou, Djordjevic, Ze Elias (Pousanidis 72), Ofori-Quaye (Mavrogenidis 82), Zetterberg, Giovanni, Georgatos.
Lyon: Coupet - Deflandre, Laville, Edmilson, Brechet, Violeau (Laigle 65), Foe, Dhorasoo (Muller 65), Anderson, Marlet, Linares (Malbranque 65).

GROUP D

Monaco 0
Rangers 1 (Van Bronckhorst 8)
HT: 0-1. **Att:** 15,000. **Ref:** Ouzounov (Bul)
Monaco: Porato - Irles, Marquez, Rodriguez, Rilse (Prso 46), Djetou, Giuly, Bonnal (Gravelaine 69), Abidal, Simone, Nonda (Courville 84).
Rangers: Klos - Reyna (Vidmar 87), Amoruso, Konterman, Numan, Tugay, Johnston, B Ferguson, Van Bronckhorst, R de Boer, Mols (McCann 58).

Sturm Graz 3 (Yuran 31, Schopp 64, Schupp 82)
Galatasaray 0
HT: 1-0. **Att:** 15,400. **Ref:** Temmink (Hol)
Sturm: Schicklgruber - Neukirchner, Popovic, Prilasnig, Schopp, Schupp, Reinmayr (Strafner 71), Fleurquin, Minavand, Yuran (Korsos 82), Kocijan (Mamedov 46).
Galatasaray: Taffarel - Bulent Korkmaz, Capone, Popescu, Hakan Unsal, Umit (Faruk 70), Suat, Bulent Akin, Ahmet Yildirim (Marcio Santos 46), Jardel, Hasan Sas (Ergun 46). *Sent off: Suat 69min.*

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September 26

GROUP E

Hamburg 0
Panathinaikos 1 (Nassiopoulos 37)
HT: 0-1. **Att:** 46,000. **Ref:** Gallagher (Eng)
Hamburg: Butt - Panadic, Hoogma, Kientz (Ketelaer 46), Tofting, N Kovac, Hollerbach, Cardoso (Prager 4), Mahdavikia, Barbarez, Heinz (Yeboah 64).
Panathinaikos: Chalkias - Henriksen, Vokolos, Olivares, Fissas, Basinas (Katsouras 86), Goumas, Karagounis, Galetto (Kola 73), Limberopoulos, Nassiopoulos (Saric 58).

Juventus 0
Deportivo La Coruna 0
Att: 25,000. **Ref:** Meier (Swi)
Juventus: Van der Sar - Ferrara, Tudor, Iuliano, Birindelli (Paramatti 74), Davids, Tacchinardi (Conte 60), Pessotto, Zidane, Trezeguet, Inzaghi (Del Piero 65). *Sent off: Zidane 68min.*
La Coruna: Molina - Manuel Pablo, Naybet, Donato, Romero, Mauro Silva, Fran (Fernando 69), Cesar Sampaio, Scaloni (Victor 80), Pandiani, Turu Flores (Emerson 57).

GROUP F

Paris Saint-Germain 1 (Leroy 90)
Bayern Munich 0
HT: 0-0. **Att:** 45,000. **Ref:** Messina (Ita)
PSG: Letizi - Algerino, Dehu, Rabesandratana, Mendy, Dalmat, Luccin, Bernarbia (Ducrocq 68), Robert, Anelka, Christian (Leroy 79).
Bayern: Kahn - Sagnol (Santa Cruz 78), Andersson, Tarnat, Linke, Wiesinger (Strunz 78), Sforza, Fink, Scholl, Jancker (Elber 84), Salihamidzic.

Rosenborg 6 (Frode Johnsen 20, 29, 78, Strand 50, 51, Stig Johansen og 64)
Helsingborgs 1 (Prica 90)
HT: 2-0. **Att:** 13,702. **Ref:** Wegereef (Hol)
Rosenborg: Jamtfall - Basma (Belsvik 82), Bent Johnsen, Hoftun, Stensaas, Winsnes (Storvik 86), Skammelsrud, O Berg, Sorensen, Frode Johnsen, Strand (Knutsen 75).
Helsingborgs: Sven Andersson - Lindberg (Christoffer Andersson 59), Ola Nilsson, Matovac, Persson, Jesper Jansson, Ulrik Jansson (Stig Johansen 35), Eklund, Johansen, Alvaro Santos (Prica 70), Michael Hansson.

GROUP G

Kyiv Dynamo 4 (Husin 52, Shatskikh 80, Demetradze 89, 90)
Anderlecht 0
HT: 0-0. Att: 35,000. Ref: Sars (Fr)
Dynamo: Shovkovskyi - Holovko, Vaschuk, Dmytrulin, Kaladze (Kuzmichev 64), Bialkevich, Shatskikh, Demetradze, Husin, Fedorov (Bodnar 47), Nesmachny.
Anderlecht: De Wilde - Vanderhaehge, De Boeck (Stoica 59), Staelens, Goor (Youla 79), Koller, Dheedene, Baseggio, Radzinski, Van Diemen, Crasson (Iachtchouk 62).

PSV Eindhoven 3 (Bouma 17, Van Bommel 38, Kezman 64)
Manchester United 1 (Scholes pen 3)
HT: 2-1. **Att:** 33,500. **Ref:** Merk (Ger)
PSV: Waterreus - Van der Weerden, Nikiforov, Hofland, Heintze, Van Bommel, Vogel, Van der Doelen (Lucius 77), Bouma (Rommedahl 80), Kezman (Kolkka 84), Brugginik.
Man Utd: Van der Gouw - Brown, G Neville, Silvestre (Giggs 70), P Neville, Keane, Scholes (Wallwork 70), Butt, Greening (Beckham 70), Yorke, Solskjaer.

GROUP H

Barcelona 0
Milan 2 (Coco 45, Bierhoff 71)
HT: 0-1. **Att:** 90,000. **Ref:** Krug (Ger)
Barcelona: Dutruel - Reiziger, Abelardo (Dani 79), De Boer, Sergi, Cocu, Gerard (Overmars 63), Simao, De la Pena (Luis Enrique 46), Rivaldo, Kluivert.
Milan: Dida - Chamot, Costacurta, Maldini, Gattuso (Guglielminpietro 90), Albertini, Giunti, Coco, Ambrosini (Helveg 84), Shevchenko, Bierhoff (Comandini 75).

Leeds United 6 (Bowyer 7, 90, Viduka 12, Matteo 22, Bakke 65, Huckerby 90)
Besiktas 0
HT: 3-0. **Att:** 34,485. **Ref:** Melo Pereira (Por)
Leeds: Martyn - Kelly, Radebe, Mills, Harte, Bowyer, Bakke, Dacourt (McPhail 75), Matteo, Viduka, Smith (Huckerby 81).
Besiktas: Shorunmu - Khlestov, Umit, Erman (Rahim 82), Nihat, Tayfur, Karhan, Ibrahim (Mehmet 72), Munch, Ahmet Dursun, Nouma (Fazli 72).

September 27

GROUP A

Moscow Spartak 3 (Robson 43, Marcao 67, 81)
Sporting Lisbon 1 (Sa Pinto 24)
HT: 1-1. **Att:** 70,000. **Ref:** Hamer (Lux)
Spartak: Filimonov - Kovtun, Tchuiss, Ananko, Bulatov, Titov, Stolcers (Baranov 46), Parfenov, Shirko (Marcao 46), Bezrodny, Robson.
Sporting: Schmeichel - Dimas, Hugo (Acosta 68), Bino, Beto, Rui Jorge (Tonito 68), Cesar Prates, Mpenza (Rodrigo 83), Andre Cruz, Sa Pinto, Horvath.

Bayer Leverkusen 2 (Schneider 27, Ballack 44)
Real Madrid 3 (Roberto Carlos 32, 75, Guti 69)
HT: 2-1. **Att:** 22,500. **Ref:** Nilsson (Swe)
Leverkusen: Zuberbuhler - Reeb, Zivkovic, Nowotny, R Kovac, Schneider (Brdaric 75), Ramelow, Ballack, Ze Roberto (Gresko 75), Neuville, Rink.
Madrid: Casillas - Michel Salgado, Hierro, Karanka, Roberto Carlos, Figo, Ivan Helguera, Flavio Conceicao (Ivan Campo 90), Solari (Raul 51), Guti, Munitis (Sanchis 87).

GROUP B

Arsenal 2 (Ljungberg 43, 56)
Lazio 0
HT: 1-0. **Att:** 35,001. **Ref:** Garcia Aranda (Spa)
Arsenal: Seaman - Keown, Adams, Luzhnyi, Silvinho, Parlour, Vieira, Ljungberg, Bergkamp (Vivas 79), Kanu, Henry (Wiltord 84).
Lazio: Marchegiani - Negro, Nesta, Pancaro, Mihajlovic, Nedved, Simeone, Veron, Stankovic (Lombardo 46; Ravanelli 74), Lopez, Inzaghi (Salas 57).

Sparta Prague 3 (Rosicky 54, Hornak 73, Jarosik 82)
Shakhtar Donetsk 2 (Zubov 56, Abramov 84)
HT: 0-0. **Att:** 7,931. **Ref:** Plautz (Aut)
Sparta: Postulka - Grygera, Labant, Hornak, Z Svoboda (Kolousek 87), J Novotny, Obajdin (Prohaszka 76), Bolf, Sionko (Papousek 90), Jarosik, Rosicky.
Shakhtar: Virt - Starostyak, Gleveckas, Tymoschuk, Bakharev, Kovalov (Abramov 76), Zubov, Atelkin (Bielik 79), Vorobei, Shevchuk, Aliuta.

GROUP C

Olympiakos 2 (Giovanni 52, 69)
Heerenveen 0
HT: 0-0. **Att:** 52,000. **Ref:** Bo Larsen (Den)
Olympiakos: Eleftheropoulos - Amanatidis, Georgatos, Antzas, Patsatzoglou, Djordjevic, Ze Elias, Luciano de Sousa (Giannakopoulos 82), Zetterberg (Poursanidis 87), Giovanni, Ofori-Quaye (Niniadis 90).
Heerenveen: Vonk - Ebbinge, Venema, Hansma, G De Nooijer, Nurmela, Radomski, Jensen, Lurling (Tuhuteru 82), Talan (Houittuin 44), Huizingh (Denneboom 81).

Valencia 1 (Zahovic 78)
Lyon 0
HT: 0-0. **Att:** 34,000. **Ref:** Braschi (Ita)
Valencia: Canizares - Angloma, Djukic, Pellegrino, Carboni, Milla (Zahovic 69), Baraja, Mendieta, Kily Gonzalez (Vicente 80), Juan Sanchez, Diego Alonso (Carew 62).
Lyon: Coupet - Laville, Edmilson, Chanelet, Brechet, Linares (Govou 83), Muller, Foe, Malbranque, Anderson, Marlet.

GROUP D

Galatasaray 3 (Bulent Akin 52, Hakan Unsal 57, Jardel 70)
Rangers 2 (Kanchelskis 72, Van Bronckhorst 90)
HT: 0-0. **Att:** 22,000. **Ref:** Collina (Ita)
Galatasaray: Taffarel - Bulent Korkmaz, Popescu, Emre (Faruk 76), Jardel, Hasan Sas (Ahmet Yildirim 90), Fatih, Umit Davala, Bulent Akin, Hakan Unsal, Ergun.
Rangers: Klos - Reyna, De Boer, Konterman, Tugay, Amoruso, Numan, B Ferguson, Van Bronckhorst, Mols (Dodds 67), Johnston (Kanchelskis 60).

Monaco 5 (Simone 13, 38, 41, Farnerud 76, Nonda 84)
Sturm Graz 0
HT: 3-0. **Att:** 8,000. **Ref:** Romain (Blg)
Monaco: Porato - Jurietti, Christanval, Marquez, Irles, Di Tommaso, Djetou (Farnerud 73), Giuly (Bonnal 46), Gravelaine, Simone (Prso 56), Nonda.
Sturm: Schicklgruber - Foda (Strafner 46), Mamedov (Feldhofer 46), Popovic (Szabics 68), Schopp, Prilasnig, Fleurquin, Reinmayr, Minavand, Yuran, Korsos.

GROUP A

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Real Madrid	3	2	1	0	6	4	7
Moscow Spartak	3	2	0	1	5	2	6
Bayer Leverkusen	3	1	0	2	5	7	3
Sporting Lisbon	3	0	1	2	5	8	1

GROUP B

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Arsenal	3	3	0	0	6	2	9
Lazio	3	2	0	1	6	2	6
Sparta Prague	3	1	0	2	3	6	3
Shakhtar Donetsk	3	0	0	3	4	9	0

GROUP C

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Valencia	3	3	0	0	4	1	9
Olympiakos	3	2	0	1	5	3	6
Lyon	3	1	0	2	4	4	3
Heerenveen	3	0	0	3	1	6	0

GROUP D

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Galatasaray	3	2	0	1	6	7	6
Rangers	3	2	0	1	8	3	6
Monaco	3	1	0	2	7	4	3
Sturm Graz	3	1	0	2	3	10	3

GROUP E

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Juventus	3	1	2	0	6	5	5
Dep La Coruna	3	1	2	0	3	2	5
Panathinaikos	3	1	1	1	3	3	4
Hamburg	3	0	1	2	5	7	1

GROUP F

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Bayern Munich	3	2	0	1	6	3	6
Rosenborg	3	2	0	1	10	5	6
Paris SG	3	2	0	1	6	4	6
Helsingborgs	3	0	0	3	3	13	0

GROUP G

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
PSV Eindhoven	3	2	0	1	5	3	6
Kyiv Dynamo	3	1	1	1	5	2	4
Manchester Utd	3	1	1	1	6	4	4
Anderlecht	3	1	0	2	2	9	3

GROUP H

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Leeds United	3	2	0	1	7	4	6
Milan	3	2	0	1	6	2	6
Besiktas	3	1	0	2	4	10	3
Barcelona	3	1	0	2	4	5	3

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September 11

Bohemians (Ire) 1 (Crowe 90)
Kaiserslautern (Ger) 3 (Reich 71, Hristov 75, Tare 79)
HT: 0-0. **Att:** 3,500
Sent off: Molloy (Bohemians) 40min

September 12

Basle (Swi) 3 (Magro 7, Tchouga 53, Kreuzer 86)
Brann Bergen (Nor) 2 (Ludvigsen 47, Helstad 72)
HT:1-0. **Att:** 3,215

Gent (Blg) 0
Ajax (Hol) 6 (Arveladze 16, Knopper 40, 69, Gronkjaer 74, Van der Vaar 82, Van der Gun 84)
HT: 0-2. **Att:** 5,309

Kosice (Slk) 2 (Zvara 53, Jambor 75)
Grazer AK (Aut) 3 (Akwuegbu 57, Standfest 83, Pamic 90)
HT: 0-0. **Att:** 1,817

Lierse (Blg) 0
Bordeaux (Fra) 0
Att: 4,151
Sent off: Bonnissei (Bordeaux) 77min

Norrkoping (Swe) 2 (Flodstrom 33, Par Andersson 79)
Slovan Liberec (Cze) 2 (Lazzaro Ljuni 70, Nezmar 77)
HT: 1-0. **Att:** 3,714

Petra Drnovice (Cze) 0
1860 Munich (Ger) 0
Att: 6,040

Rapid Wien (Aut) 3 (Wagner 20, Savicevic 27, Ratajczyk 79)
Orgryte (Swe) 0
HT: 2-0. **Att:** 4,017

Vasas (Hun) 2 (Peto 89, Komodi 90)
AEK Athens (Gre) 2 (Peto og 47, Nikolaidis 50)
HT: 0-0. **Att:** 2,500

September 14

AIK Stockholm (Swe) 0
Herfolge (Den) 1 (Falck 25)
HT: 0-1. **Att:** 7,159

Alania Vladikavkaz (Rus) 0
Amica Wronki (Pol) 3 (Kryszalowicz 44, Krol 49, Zienczuk 90)
HT: 0-1. **Att:** 16,200

Alaves (Spa) 0
Gaziantepspor (Tur) 0
Att: 11,446

Antalyaspor (Tur) 2 (Gaudino 43, Birlik 68)
Werder Bremen (Ger) 0
HT: 1-0. **Att:** 3,300

Brondby (Den) 1 (Jonsson 39)
Osijek (Cro) 2 (Gaspar 32, Mitu 56)
HT: 1-1. **Att:** 7,679

Celta Vigo (Spa) 0
Rijeka (Cro) 0
Att: 8,300

Celtic (Sco) 2 (Larsson 15, 26)
HJK Helsinki (Fin) 0
HT: 2-0. **Att:** 40,500

Club Brugge (Blg) 2 (Simons 37, Mendoza 62)
APOEL Nicosia (Cyp) 0
HT: 1-0. **Att:** 6,000

Chelsea (Eng) 1 (Panucci 24)
St Gallen (Swi) 0
HT: 1-0. **Att:** 18,196

CSKA Moscow (Rus) 0
Viborg (Den) 0
Att: 9,500

CSKA Sofia (Bul) 1 (Yanev 6)
MTK (Hun) 2 (Ferenczi 50, Kuttor 69)
HT: 1-0. **Att:** 20,010

Dunaferr (Hun) 0
Feyenoord (Hol) 1 (Molnar og 60)
HT: 0-0. **Att:** 13,000

Gueugnon (Fra) 0
Iraklis (Gre) 0
Att: 5,569

Halmstads (Swe) 2 (Svensson 36, Selakovic 57)
Benfica (Por) 1 (Van Hooijdonk 40)
HT: 1-1. **Att:** 3,796

HIT Gorica (Sln) 1 (Zlogar 29)
Roma (Ita) 4 (Delvecchio 17, 19, 49, Samuel 41)
HT: 1-3. **Att:** 2,200

Kryvbas Kryvyi Rih (Ukr) 0
Nantes (Fra) 1 (Granovskyy 79)
HT: 0-0. **Att:** 16,000

Lausanne (Swi) 3 (Kuzba 22, 48, Mazzoni 51)
Torpedo Moscow (Rus) 2 (Gashkin 13, Litvinov 33)
HT: 1-2. **Att:** 3,100

Leicester City (Eng) 1 (Taggart 43)
Red Star Belgrade (Yug) 1 (Acimovic 2)
HT: 1-1. **Att:** 20,190
Sent off: Glogovac (Red Star) 75min

Lillestrom (Nor) 3 (Kristinsson 8, 13, Kihlberg 68)
Dinamo Moscow (Rus) 1 (Romaschenko 42)
HT: 2-1. **Att:** 1,172

Lokomotiv Moscow (Rus) 4 (Sarkisyan 20, Tsymbalar 32, Dzhanashia 63, Pimenov 65)
Neftohimik (Bul) 2 (R Petrov 9, Timnev 56)
HT: 2-1. **Att:** 4,900

Molde (Nor) 0
Rayo Vallecano (Spa) 1 (Perez Alonso 16)
HT: 0-1. **Att:** 3,000

Napredak Krusevac (Yug) 0
OFI Crete (Gre) 0
Att: 7,723

Olimpija Ljubljana (Sln) 2 (Jukic 14, Rakovic 44)
Espanyol (Spa) 1 (Galca 43)
HT: 2-1. **Att:** 4,400

PAOK Salonika (Gre) 3 (Camps 44, Cohen og 48, Nalitzis 55)
Beitar Jerusalem (Isr) 1 (Hamar 39)
HT: 1-1. **Att:** 17,584

Partizan Belgrade (Yug) 1 (Rankovic 24)
FC Porto (Por) 1 (Jesus 89)
HT: 1-0. **Att:** 23,427

Pobeda Prilep (Mac) 0
Parma (Ita) 2 (Sergio Conceicao 23, Di Vaio 74)
HT: 0-1. **Att:** 9,500
Sent off: Nacev (Pobeda) 87min

Polonia Warsaw (Pol) 0
Udinese (Ita) 1 (Warley 56)
HT: 0-0. **Att:** 2,000

Rapid Bucharest (Rom) 0
Liverpool (Eng) 1 (Barmby 29)
HT: 0-1. **Att:** 9,782

Roda JC (Hol) 0
Inter Bratislava (Slk) 2 (S Nemeth 21, Babnic 68)
HT: 0-1. **Att:** 7,950

Ruch Chorzow (Pol) 0
Internazionale (Ita) 3 (Seedorf 62, Recoba 66, Keane 71)
HT: 0-0. **Att:** 13,000

Slavia Prague (Cze) 3 (Kuchar 29, 73, T Dosek 84)
AB (Den) 0
HT: 1-0. **Att:** 4,274

Slovan Bratislava (Slk) 0
Dinamo Zagreb (Cro) 3 (Mujcin 38, I Cvitanovic 61, Pilipovic 90)
HT: 0-1. **Att:** 6,500

Stuttgart (Ger) 1 (Balakov 34)
Hearts (Sco) 0
HT: 1-0. **Att:** 9,845

FC Tirol Innsbruck (Aut) 3 (Gilewicz 28, 49, Baur 45)
Fiorentina (Ita) 1 (Mijatovic 54)
HT: 2-0. **Att:** 13,190

Vitesse Arnhem (Hol) 3 (Martel 19, Peeters 63, Amoah 90)
Maccabi Haifa (Isr) 0
HT: 1-0. **Att:** 12,350

Vorskla (Ukr) 1 (Melashchenko 38)
Boavista (Por) 2 (Jorge Couto 50, Whelliton 89)
HT: 1-0. **Att:** 9,000

Zaragoza (Spa) 4 (Acuna 30, Saenz 54, Gonzalez 63, 68)
Wisla Krakow (Pol) 1 (Kaluzny 12)
HT: 1-1. **Att:** 20,500

Zimbru Chisinau (Mol) 1 (Epureanu 1)
Hertha Berlin (Ger) 2 (Preetz 25, Daei 64)
HT: 1-1. **Att:** 7,000

Zurich (Swi) 1 (Bartlett 65)
Genk (Blg) 2 (Paas 53, Ban 89)
HT: 0-0. **Att:** 4,561

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September 28

AEK Athens 2 (Maladenis 28, Nikolaidis 30)
Vasas 0
HT: 2-0. **Att:** 11,200
AEK 4-2 on agg

Ajax 3 (Van der Gun 27, 58, Van der Vaar 85)
Gent 0
HT: 1-0. **Att:** 26,000
Ajax 9-0 on agg

AB 0
Slavia Prague 2 (Dostalek 46, Dosek 90)
HT: 0-0. **Att:** 1,470
Slavia 5-0 on agg

Amica Wronki 2 (Kryszalowicz 39, Sobocinski 73)
Alania Vladikavkaz 0
HT: 1-0. **Att:** 1,500
Amica 5-0 on agg
Sent off: Maievici (Vladikavkaz) 37min

APOEL Nicosia 0
Club Brugge 1 (Mendoza 21)
HT: 0-1. **Att:** 1,241
Club Brugge 3-0 on agg

Beitar Jerusalem 3 (Sivila 45, 61, Abukasis 54)
PAOK Salonika 3 (Katsampis 5, Nalitzis 43, Konstantinidis 90)
HT: 1-2. **Att:** 5,120
PAOK 6-4 on agg

Benfica 2 (Van Hooijdonk 24, Monteiro 90)
Halmstads 2 (Gustafson 32, Selakovic 88)
HT: 1-1. **Att:** 33,000
Halmstads 4-3 on agg

Boavista 2 (Freking 28, Melo 38)
Vorskla 1 (Onopko 47)
HT: 2-0. **Att:** 1,500
Boavista 4-2 on agg
Sent off: Pershnyn (Vorskla) 26min

Bordeaux 5 (Pauleta 24, 46, 90, Feindouno 58, 73)
Lierse 1 (Cavens 60)
HT: 1-0. **Att:** 8,883
Bordeaux 5-1 on agg

Brann Bergen 4 (Karadas 3, 40, Brendesaether 8, Terehhov 30)
Basle 4 (Tchouga 19, Wassberg 58, Kreuzer 60, Muff 90)
HT: 4-1. **Att:** 4,176
Basle 7-6 on agg

Dinamo Moscow 2 (Romashchenko 26, Shtaniuk 44)
Lillestrom 1 (Sundgot 70)
HT: 2-0. **Att:** 4,048
Lillestrom 4-3 on agg

Dinamo Zagreb 1 (Mujcin 70)
Slovan Bratislava 1 (Sedlak 5)
HT: 0-1. **Att:** 5,780
Dinamo 4-1 on agg

Espanyol 2 (Posse 15, Martinez 25)
Olimpija Ljubljana 0
HT: 2-0
Espanyol 3-2 on agg

Feyenoord 3 (De Haan 16, Korneev 47, Van Vossen 83)
Dunaferr 1 (Tokoli 87)
HT: 1-0. **Att:** 20,000
Feyenoord 4-1 on agg

Fiorentina 2 (Mijatovic 25, Leandro 62)
FC Tirol Innsbruck 2 (Mair 18, Gilewicz 88)
HT: 1-1. **Att:** 22,215
Tirol 5-3 on agg

Gaziantepspor 3 (Yigit 13, Polat 35, Erhan 90)
Alaves 4 (Alonso Vallejo 30, Tomic 55, 79, Moreno Varela 72)
HT: 2-1. **Att:** 9,901
Alaves 4-3 on agg

Genk 2 (Daerden 31, Hendrikx 90)
Zurich 0
HT: 1-0. **Att:** 12,000
Genk 4-1 on agg

Grazer AK 0
Kosice 0
Att: 2,368
Grazer 3-2 on agg

Hearts 3 (Naysmith 17, Petric 61, Cameron pen 83)
Stuttgart 2 (Hosny 38, Bordon 58)
HT: 1-1
Agg 3-3. Stuttgart on away goals
Sent off: Meissner 82min; Schneider 85min (both Stuttgart)

Herfolge 1 (John Jensen 97)
AIK Stockholm 1 (Novakovic 51)
Aet. **HT:** 0-0. **90mins:** 0-1. **Att:** 1,659
Herfolge 2-1 on agg
Sent off: Edman (AIK) 35min

Hertha Berlin 2 (Hartmann 23, Daei 36)
Zimbru Chisinau 0
HT: 2-0. **Att:** 23,400
Hertha 4-1 on agg

HJK Helsinki 2 (Roiha 41, 77)
Celtic 1 (Sutton 108)
Aet. **HT:** 1-0. **90mins:** 2-0. **Att:** 6,530
Celtic 3-2 on agg

Inter Bratislava 2 (Babnic 37, S Nemeth 42)
Roda JC 1 (Tchoutang 53)
HT: 2-0. **Att:** 3,050
Inter Bratislava 4-1 on agg

Internazionale 4 (Recoba 6, Seedorf 41, 87, Colombo 89)
Ruch Chorzow 1 (Skwara 85)
HT: 2-0
Internazionale 7-1 on agg

Iraklis 1 (Konstantinou 77)
Gueugnon 0
HT: 0-0. **Att:** 5,000
Iraklis 1-0 on agg

Kaiserslautern 0
Bohemians 1 (Crowe 37)
HT: 0-1. **Att:** 12,379
Kaiserslautern 3-2 on agg

Liverpool 0
Rapid Bucharest 0
Att: 37,594
Liverpool 1-0 on agg

Maccabi Haifa 2 (Zano 68, Atar 87)
Vitesse Arnhem 1 (Amoah 89)
HT: 0-0. **Att:** 2,036
Vitesse 4-2 on agg

MTK 0
CSKA Sofia 1 (Mirchev 86)
HT: 0-0. **Att:** 1,850
Agg 2-2. MTK on away goals
Sent off: Yanchev (CSKA) 68min

Nantes 5 (Moldovan 8, 34, 55, Da Rocha 35, Gil[illegible] 66)
Kryvbas Kryvyi Rih 0
HT: 3-0. **Att:** 16,334
Nantes 6-0 on agg

Neftohimik 0
Lokomotiv Moscow 0
Att: 7,440
Lokomotiv 4-2 on agg

OFI Crete 6 (Pereira da Silva 12, 45, Iordanidis 20, Gomez 23, 50, Digozis 35)
Napredak Krusevac 0
HT: 5-0. **Att:** 1,420
OFI Crete 6-0 on agg

Orgryte 1 (Johanesson 72)
Rapid Wien 1 (Wagner 20)
HT: 0-1. **Att:** 1,701
Rapid 4-1 on agg

Osijek 0
Brondby 0
Att: 8,712
Osijek 2-1 on agg

Parma 4 (Montano 39, Bonazzoli 53, 80, Di Vaio 88)
Pobeda Prilep 0
HT: 1-0. **Att:** 6,169
Parma 6-0 on agg

FC Porto 1 (Drulovic 88)
Partizan Belgrade 0
HT: 0-0. **Att:** 15,610
FC Porto 2-1 on agg

Rayo Vallecano 1 (Sanchex Munoz 38)
Molde 1 (Hulsker 74)
HT: 1-0. **Att:** 5,290
Rayo Vallecano 2-1 on agg

Red Star Belgrade 3 (Drulic 22, 71, Gvozdenovic 47)
Leicester City 1 (Izzet 42)
HT: 1-1. **Att:** 12,700
Red Star 4-2 on agg

Rijeka 0
Celta Vigo 1 (Djorovic 112)
Aet. **HT:** 0-0. **90mins:** 0-0. **Att:** 4,691
Celta Vigo 1-0 on agg

Roma 7 (Samuel 8, Montella 11, 19, Delvecchio 23, Totti 41, 47, Batistuta 66)
HIT Gorica 0
HT: 5-0. **Att:** 5,000
Roma 11-1 on agg

Slovan Liberec 2 (Jun 62, Nezmar 63)
Norrkoping 1 (Bergstrom 54)
HT: 0-0. **Att:** 6,480
Slovan Liberec 4-3 on agg

St Gallen 2 (Muller 28, Amoah 34)
Chelsea 0
HT: 2-0. **Att:** 15,620
St Gallen 2-1 on agg

Torpedo Moscow 0
Lausanne 2 (Kuzba 29, Puce 62)
HT: 0-1. **Att:** 5,500
Lausanne 5-2 on agg

1860 Munich 1 (Kurz 72)
Petra Drnovice 0
HT: 0-0. **Att:** 18,200
1860 Munich 1-0 on agg

Udinese 2 (Walem 32, Muzzi 89)
Polonia Warsaw 0
HT: 1-0. **Att:** 11,159
Udinese 3-0 on agg

1 (Kaergaard 100)
ow 0
mins: 0-0. **Att:** 3,196

ky 3, Bode 41, Stalteri 51,

kowski 53, 88,

AUSTRIA

Sep 5: Sturm Graz 1 Salzburg 2.
Sep 6: Admira 0 Grazer AK 4; Austria Wien 2 Bregenz 1; SV Ried 1 Linz ASK 0.
Sep 8: FC Tirol 1 Rapid Wien 0.
Sep 9: Austria Wien 3 Salzburg 1; Bregenz 2 Sturm Graz 1.
Sep 15: Linz ASK 2 Sturm Graz 1.
Sep 16: Bregenz 0 SV Ried 0; Rapid Wien 3 Salzburg 0.
Sep 17: Admira 1 FC Tirol 0; Grazer AK 1 Austria Wien 0.
Sep 22: SV Ried 2 Grazer AK 3.
Sep 23: Austria Wien 0 Admira 0; Salzburg 4 Linz ASK 1; FC Tirol 2 Bregenz 0.
Sep 24: Sturm Graz 1 Rapid Wien 1
Sep 29: Admira 0 SV Ried 5.
Sep 30: Bregenz 5 Salzburg 1.
Oct 1: Austria Wien 1 Sturm Graz 2; Grazer AK 0 FC Tirol 2; Linz ASK 2 Rapid Wien 1.

AUSTRIA

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Rapid Wien	13	7	4	2	26	13	25
Austria Wien	12	6	4	2	21	8	22
FC Tirol	13	6	3	4	20	13	21
Grazer AK	13	6	3	4	22	18	21
Salzburg	13	6	2	5	17	20	20
SV Ried	13	5	4	4	24	17	19
Sturm Graz	13	5	2	6	21	19	17
Bregenz	12	4	3	5	16	18	15
Linz ASK	13	3	2	8	12	29	11
Admira	13	1	3	9	9	33	6

BELGIUM

Tuesday, September 5

Anderlecht 7 (Goor 2, Koller 7, Staelens pen 32, Radzinski 52, Vanderhaeghe 64, Van Diemen 84, 85)
Charleroi 2 (Negouai 11, 78) Att: 24,700

Wednesday, September 6

Royal Antwerp 2 (Leleu pen 55, Da Silva 78)
Harelbeke 0 Att: 4,000

Mouscron 2 (Lawaree 62, Jestrovic 76)
Eendracht Aalst 0 Att: 8,000

Genk 1 (Ban 27)
Westerlo 2 (Pelic 46, Da. Mitrovic 76) Att: 20,127

Gent 2 (Cipi 75, Kaklamanos 90)
St Truiden 1 (Fiers 61) Att: 6,000

Lierse 3 (Cavens 7, Claeys 82, Snoeckx 88)
Beveren 0 Att: 8,500

Lokeren 3 (Janssens pen 48, M'Bayo 50, Bangoura 68)
Mechelen 2 (Camus 25, Greven 40) Att: 4,500

La Louviere 0
Germinal BA 5 (Mutavdzic 4, Van de Weyer 13, 88, Svetlicic 23, Huysmans 87) Att: 6,200

Standard 0
Club Brugge 4 (Verheyen 27, 62, Janssen 86, Martens 89) Att: 18,000

Saturday, September 9

Royal Antwerp 0
Anderlecht 3 (Radzinski 31, 57, Goor 47) Att: 10,000

Beveren 2 (Thans 16, Imschoot pen 88)
Genk 0 Att: 7,500

Charleroi 2 (Remacle 69, Rojas 81)
Lierse 0 Att: 10,000

Mechelen 0
Standard 4 (Greven og 35, Mornar 47, Lukunku 70, 87) Att: 6,500

St Truiden 1 (Vrancken 9)
Mouscron 4 (Casto pen 6, Jestrovic 43, 48, De. Mitrovic 78) Att: 5,500

Westerlo 0
Gent 0 Att: 6,500

Sunday, September 10

Club Brugge 3 (De Brul 12, Verheyen 70, 88)
La Louviere 0 Att: 14,000

Eendracht Aalst 2 (Thiebaut 15, Van Hoyweghen 19)
Lokeren 2 (Dago 30, Bangoura 62) Att: 4,500

Harelbeke 3 (Geeroms 10, Thompson 16, Kubik pen 57)
Germinal BA 0 Att: 4,000

Saturday, September 16

Anderlecht 4 (Stoica 17, Staelens 33, Koller 46, Dindane 62)
Harelbeke 3 (Thompson 24, 77, L Kubik pen 83) Att: 22,800

Mouscron 3 (Jestrovic 10, 69, 82)
Westerlo 5 (Pelic 7, 28, Zelenka 34, 68, Schaessens 55) Att: 8,500

Lierse 4 (Snoeckx 21, 58, Somers 44, Sheikiladze 71)
Royal Antwerp 1 (Chadwick 18) Att: 9,200

Lokeren 2 (Bangoura 57, Janssens 85)
St Truiden 1 (Fiers 75) Att: 3,000

La Louviere 2 (Tilmant 86, Aliaj 90)
Mechelen 2 (Ribus 54, Dierickx 79) Att: 6,000

Standard 7 (Mornar 1, Van Buyten 22, Brocken 27, Arst 45, 80, 89, Goossens 68)
Eendracht Aalst 0 Att: 10,000

Sunday, September 17

Germinal BA 2 (Huysmans 76, pen 80)
Club Brugge 3 (Verheyen 20, 75, Mendoza 86) Att: 9,000

Genk 2 (Sonck 53, Paas 81)
Charleroi 1 (De Conde 9) Att: 19,700

Friday, September 22

Anderlecht 5 (Goor 23, Stoica 32, Koller 57, Staelens pen 66, Radzinski 88)
Lierse 2 (Daems 38, Cavens 78) Att: 24,700

Saturday, September 23

Beveren 0
Mouscron 0 Att: 4,500

Charleroi 4 (De Conde 2, Rabbah 7, Brogno 67, 90)
Gent 3 (Schepens pen 71, pen 79, Kaklamanos 77) Att: 10,700

Mechelen 2 (Hermansen 82, 89)
Germinal BA 3 (Karagiannis 57, Severeyns 61, 78) Att: 6,000

St Truiden 1 (Lenglois 70)
Standard 1 (Goossens 33) Att: 10,000

Westerlo 1 (Dauwen 86)
Lokeren 1 (Dago 54) Att: 5,500

Sunday, September 24

Harelbeke 0
Club Brugge 6 (Simons 4, Vermant 38, Verheyen 53, Mendoza 81, Janssen 83, Lembi pen 85) Att: 9,000

Eendracht Aalst 1 (Van den Bossche 49)
La Louviere 0 Att: 4,000

Friday, September 29

Mouscron 3 (De. Mitrovic 13, 42, Ma. Zewlakow 73)
Charleroi 0 Att: 10,000

Saturday, September 30

Germinal BA 2 (Degryse 60, Severeyns 65)
Eendracht Aalst 0 Att: 6,300

Lierse 4 (Van Meir 5, Somers 16, Cavens 47, Veretennikov 90)
Harelbeke 1 (L Kubik 73) Att: 7,200

Lokeren 1 (Gretarsson 45)
Beveren 1 (Thans 13) Att: 5,000

La Louviere 1 (Buelinckx 18)
St Truiden 0 Att: 6,000

Standard 5 (Goossens 11, 17, 38, 45, Yobo 75)
Westerlo 3 (Pelic 22, Da. Mitrovic 50, Boeka-Lisasi 87) Att: 13,000

Sunday, October 1

Club Brugge 5 (Martens 36, Lembi pen 45, Verheyen 73, 89, Mendoza pen 81)
Mechelen 2 (Elias 23, Geebelen 85)
Att: 14,000

Genk 1 (Thijs pen 7)
Anderlecht 1 (Pierre 32) Att: 21,411

Gent 4 (Kaklamanos 7, 55, Schepens 17, Vasov 50)
Royal Antwerp 2 (Chadwick 43, Cipi og 45) Att: 6,000

BELGIUM

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Club Brugge	8	8	0	0	32	8	24
Anderlecht	8	6	2	0	27	10	20
Standard	8	5	1	2	24	12	16
Mouscron	8	5	1	2	21	9	16
Lierse	8	5	0	3	17	11	15
Charleroi	8	5	0	3	17	16	15
Westerlo	8	4	2	2	16	14	14
Gent	7	4	1	2	17	15	13
Lokeren	8	3	4	1	12	10	13
Germinal BA	8	4	0	4	13	13	12
Genk	7	2	3	2	9	9	9
Beveren	7	2	2	3	5	10	8
La Louviere	8	1	3	4	5	16	6
Harelbeke	8	1	1	6	12	27	4
Eendracht Aalst	8	1	1	6	6	23	4
St Truiden	8	0	3	5	6	13	3
Royal Antwerp	7	1	0	6	6	15	3
Mechelen	8	0	2	6	10	24	2

LEADING GOALSCORERS

11	Nenad Jestrovic (Mouscron)
9	Gert Verheyen (Club Brugge)
7	Dante Brogno (Charleroi)
7	Alexandros Kaklamanos (Gent)
6	Michael Goossens (Standard)
6	Gunther Schepens (Gent)

BULGARIA

Sep 8: Neftohimik 3 Lovech 0; Botev 0 Lok Sofia 1.
Sep 9: Cherno More 1 CSKA 4; Olympic-Beroe 1 Spartak Varna 2; Slavia 1 Chernomorets 2; Lev Sofia 4 Hebar 1.
Sep 10: Velbazhd 3 Minjor 2.
Sep 16: Lovech 3 Chernomorets 0; Hebar 3 Slavia 0; Spartak Varna 0 Lev Sofia 1; Minjor 2 Olympic-Beroe 0; Lok Sofia 3 Cherno More 0.
Sep 17: Neftohimik 2 Botev 1; CSKA 2 Velbazhd 0.
Sep 30: Botev 1 Lovech 1; Velbazhd 3 Lok Sofia 1; Slavia 3 Spartak Varna 2; Chernomorets 1 Hebar 1; Lev Sofia 4 Minjor 0.
Oct 1: Olympic-Beroe 0 CSKA 0; Cherno More 0 Neftohimik 0.

BULGARIA

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Lev Sofia	7	6	1	0	18	6	19
CSKA	7	5	2	0	15	1	17
Velbazhd	7	5	0	2	13	7	15
Lok Sofia	7	3	2	2	14	10	11
Neftohimik	7	3	2	2	12	11	11
Hebar	7	3	1	3	11	10	10
Spartak Varna	7	3	1	3	10	10	10
Lovech	7	2	3	2	15	11	9
Botev	7	2	1	4	8	9	7
Slavia	7	2	1	4	8	16	7
Cherno More	7	1	3	3	5	10	6
Chernomorets	7	1	2	4	5	12	5
Olympic-Beroe	7	1	2	4	3	10	5
Minjor	7	1	1	5	7	21	4

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CROATIA

Aug 29: Osijek 1 Rijeka 2.
Sep 6: Dinamo 2 Hrvatski drag 1.
Sep 9: Rijeka 0 Hajduk 0; Cakovec 1 Zagreb 1; Dinamo 0 Osijek 1; Cibalia 1 Marsonia 1.
Sep 10: Hrvatski drag 3 Varteks 1; Sibenik 1 Slaven 0.
Sep 16: Slaven 0 Cakovec 0; Varteks 2 Sibenik 1.
Sep 17: Zagreb 4 Cibalia 2.
Sep 19: Osijek 6 Hrvatski drag 2; Marsonia 2 Rijeka 0; Hajduk 0 Dinamo 1.
Sep 23: Cibalia 0 Slaven 0; Dinamo 4 Marsonia 1; Varteks 2 Osijek 3; Rijeka 0 Zagreb 1.
Sep 24: Sibenik 3 Cakovec 0; Hrvatski drag 1 Hajduk 3.
Sep 30: Cakovec 1 Cibalia 0; Hajduk 2 Varteks 0.
Oct 1: Zagreb 3 Dinamo 3; Marsonia 2 Hrvatski drag 2.
Oct 4: Sibenik 3 Cibalia 3; Rijeka 1 Cakovec 1; Dinamo 5 Slaven 1; Hrvatski drag 1 Zagreb 2; Varteks 3 Marsonia 0; Osijek 2 Hajduk 1.

CROATIA

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Dinamo	10	7	2	1	25	9	23
Osijek	9	6	2	1	22	14	20
Zagreb	10	6	2	2	23	18	20
Hajduk	10	5	2	3	13	8	17
Varteks	10	3	4	3	17	15	13
Sibenik	9	4	1	4	12	12	13
Cakovec	10	3	4	3	11	13	13
Hrvatski drag	10	3	3	4	14	17	12
Rijeka	9	1	4	4	5	9	7
Slaven	9	1	4	4	8	13	7
Cibalia	10	0	6	4	9	20	6
Marsonia	10	1	2	7	9	20	5

CZECH REPUBLIC

Sep 8: Drnovice 3 Ostrava 0; Synot 2 Liberec 2.
Sep 10: Zizkov 2 Pribram 1; Jablonec 2 Olomouc 1; Plzen 1 Bohemians 1.
Sep 15: Sparta 3 Drnovice 0; Bohemians 4 Chmel Blsany 0.
Sep 17: Liberec 2 Plzen 0; Ostrava 0 Synot 0; Pribram 1 Jablonec 0.
Sep 22: Drnovice 3 Teplice 1.
Sep 23: Bohemians 0 Liberec 0.
Sep 24: Chmel Blsany 0 Zizkov 1; Plzen 1 Ostrava 1.
Sep 29: Olomouc 2 Drnovice 0.
Oct 1: Ostrava 1 Bohemians 1; Sparta 5 Plzen 1; Teplice 2 Synot 1; Pribram 2 Slavia 1; Brno 3 Ceske Budejovice 0; Zizkov 2 Jablonec 2.
Oct 2: Liberec 2 Chmel Blsany 0.

CZECH REPUBLIC

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Sparta	7	7	0	0	22	3	21
Liberec	9	6	2	1	17	6	20
Olomouc	7	4	2	1	12	5	14
Synot	8	3	4	1	13	6	13
Bohemians	9	2	6	1	11	7	12
Slavia	6	3	2	1	9	6	11
Teplice	7	3	2	2	8	8	11
Pribram	8	3	1	4	10	11	10
Zizkov	8	3	1	4	11	15	10
Ostrava	9	2	4	3	8	12	10
Drnovice	9	3	0	6	10	16	9
Plzen	9	1	4	4	9	20	7
Jablonec	8	1	3	4	8	14	6
Chmel Blsany	8	1	3	4	5	11	6
Brno	6	1	1	4	6	10	4
Ceske Budejovice	6	1	1	4	4	13	4

DENMARK

Sep 6: AGF 1 Lyngby 4; Brondby 2 Viborg 0; Herfolge 0 Silkeborg 0; Midtjylland 5 Haderslev 1; OB 2 AaB 0; FC Copenhagen 1 AB 0.
Sep 10: AB 1 Herfolge 3; Haderslev 1 OB 4; Lyngby 1 Brondby 3; Silkeborg 2 AGF 1; Viborg 0 Midtjylland 0.
Sep 11: AaB 1 FC Copenhagen 2.
Sep 17: AaB 2 AGF 1; Haderslev 2 Lyngby 4; Herfolge 0 Midtjylland 1; FC Copenhagen 1 OB 0; Viborg 1 Silkeborg 1.
Sep 18: AB 0 Brondby 4.
Sep 22: Lyngby 1 Viborg 0.
Sep 24: Brondby 2 AaB 1; Midtjylland 1 AB 1; OB 3 Herfolge 1; Silkeborg 0 FC Copenhagen 0.
Sep 25: AGF 1 Haderslev 1.
Oct 1: AaB 1 Midtjylland 2; Brondby 6 Haderslev 1; AB 3 OB 1; Silkeborg 3 Lyngby 0; Viborg 2 AGF 0.
Oct 2: Herfolge 0 FC Copenhagen 2.

DENMARK

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Brondby	11	7	2	2	33	10	23
Midtjylland	11	6	3	2	19	11	21
Lyngby	11	7	0	4	18	18	21
FC Copenhagen	11	6	2	3	14	7	20
Silkeborg	11	5	5	1	15	14	20
OB	11	5	1	5	18	11	16
Viborg	11	4	4	3	12	8	16
AB	11	3	4	4	16	16	13
AaB	11	4	1	6	15	18	13
AGF	11	3	1	7	12	22	10
Herfolge	11	3	1	7	13	25	10
Haderslev	11	0	2	9	11	36	2

ENGLAND

Tuesday, September 5

Leeds 1 (Bowyer 55)
Man City 2 (Howey 34, Wiekens 40) Att: 40,055

Man Utd 6 (Cole 11, Fortune 23, 60, Sheringham 71, 81, Beckham 85)
Bradford 0 Att: 67,447

Sunderland 1 (Arca 25)
West Ham 1 (Suker 32) Att: 46,605

Tottenham 3 (Rebrov 44, pen 61, Ferdinand 63)
Everton 2 (Jeffers 24, Nyarko 41) Att: 35,316

Wednesday, September 6

Charlton 1 (Johansson 80)
Southampton 1 (Pahars 78) Att: 20,043

Chelsea 2 (Hasselbainik 31, Zola 58)
Arsenal 2 (Henry 76, Silvinho 86) Att: 34,923

Coventry 0
Newcastle 2 (Shearer pen 29, Gallacher 57) Att: 22,109

Derby 3 (Christie 68, 88, Strupar 83)
Middlesbrough 3 (Boksic pen 12, Job 51, Deane 59) Att: 24,290

Leicester 2 (Akinbiyi 55, Elliott 71)
Ipswich 1 (Magilton pen 88) Att: 19,589

Liverpool 3 (Owen 5, 12, 33)
Aston Villa 1 (Stone 82) Att: 43,360

Saturday, September 9

Bradford 1 (McCall 10)
Arsenal 1 (Cole 66) Att: 17,160

Coventry 0
Leeds 0 Att: 20,377

Ipswich 1 (Stewart 90)
Aston Villa 2 (Hendrie 28, Dublin 54) Att: 22,065

Leicester 1 (Taggart 66)
Southampton 0 Att: 18,366

Liverpool 3 (Owen 11, Hamann 56, 82)
Man City 2 (Weah 67, Horlock pen 81) Att: 44,692

Man Utd 3 (Scholes 14, 82, Sheringham 76)
Sunderland 0 Att: 67,503

Middlesbrough 1 (Watson og 7)
Everton 2 (Jeffers 54, 87) Att: 30,885

Newcastle 0
Chelsea 0 Att: 51,687

Sunday, September 10

Derby 2 (Christie 7, Valakari 39)
Charlton 2 (Jensen 59, Johansson 62) Att: 22,310

Monday, September 11

Tottenham 1 (Campbell 67)
West Ham 0

Saturday, September 16

Arsenal 2 (Wiltord 24, Vernazza 72)
Coventry 1 (Hadji 80) Att: 37,794

Aston Villa 2 (Southgate 5, Dublin pen 75)
Bradford 0 Att: 27,849

Charlton 1 (Johansson 39)
Tottenham 0 Att: 20,043

Everton 1 (Gravesen 54)
Man Utd 3 (Butt 27, Giggs 29, Solskjaer 38) Att: 38,541

Leeds 1 (Bowyer 4)
Ipswich 2 (Scowcroft 12, J Wright 47) Att: 35,552

Southampton 2 (Pahars 47, 61)
Newcastle 0 Att: 15,221

Sunderland 2 (Kilbane 40, Phillips 74)
Derby 1 (Christie 83) Att: 46,315

Sunday, September 17

Chelsea 0
Leicester 2 (Izzet 8, Collymore 82) Att: 33,697

Man City 1 (Wanchope 68)
Middlesbrough 1 (Festa 55) Att: 32,053

West Ham 1 (Di Canio 68)
Liverpool 1 (Gerrard 10) Att: 25,998

Saturday, September 23

Bradford 0
Southampton 1 (Kachloul 28) Att: 16,163

Coventry 0
West Ham 3 (Di Canio 37, Cole 39, Lampard 69) Att: 20,120

Derby 1 (Kinkladze 75)
Leeds 1 (Harte 34) Att: 26,248

Ipswich 1 (Stewart 49)
Arsenal 1 (Bergkamp 84) Att: 22,030

Liverpool 1 (Owen 32)
Sunderland 1 (Phillips 13) Att: 44,713

Man Utd 3 (Scholes 14, Sheringham 37, Beckham 39)
Chelsea 3 (Hasselbaink 8, Flo 45, 70) Att: 67,568

Middlesbrough 1 (Alpay og 88)
Aston Villa 1 (Joachim 74) Att: 27,556

Newcastle 0
Charlton 1 (Stuart 7) Att: 50,866

Tottenham 0
Man City 0 Att: 36,069

Sunday, September 24

Leicester 1 (Akinbiyi 23)
Everton 1 (Unsworth 53) Att: 18,084

Saturday, September 30

Aston Villa 4 (Joachim 28, 87, Merson 37, Wright 54)
Derby 1 (Riggott 61) Att: 26,534

Charlton 2 (Hunt 60, Johansson 88)
Coventry 2 (Aloisi 41, Bellamy pen 71) Att: 20,043

Everton 0
Ipswich 3 (McGreal 19, Stewart 49, 60) Att: 32,597

Leeds 4 (Viduka 52, 55, Smith 59, 64)
Tottenham 3 (Rebrov 37, 74, Perry 60) Att: 37,562

Man City 0
Newcastle 1 (Shearer 74) Att: 34,497

Southampton 1 (Pahars 81)
Middlesbrough 3 (Boksic 17, 82, Festa 32) Att: 14,903

West Ham 1 (Cole 26)
Bradford 1 (Petrescu 90) Att: 25,407

Sunday, October 1

Arsenal 1 (Henry 30)
Man Utd 0 Att: 34,966

Chelsea 3 (Westerveld og 10, Hasselbaink 11, Gudjohnsen 71)
Liverpool 0 Att: 34,966

Sunderland 0
Leicester 0 Att: 45,338

ENGLAND

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Leicester	8	4	4	0	7	2	16
Man Utd	8	4	3	1	20	8	15
Arsenal	8	4	3	1	14	9	15
Newcastle	8	4	1	3	8	7	13
Aston Villa	7	3	3	1	11	7	12
Charlton	8	3	3	2	14	13	12
Liverpool	8	3	3	2	12	13	12
Leeds	7	3	2	2	11	9	11
Ipswich	8	3	2	3	11	10	11
Tottenham	8	3	2	3	11	11	11
Middlesbrough	8	2	4	2	14	12	10
Chelsea	8	2	4	2	13	12	10
Southampton	8	2	3	3	11	12	9
Sunderland	8	2	3	3	7	11	9
Everton	8	2	2	4	11	15	8
Man City	8	2	2	4	10	14	8
Coventry	8	2	2	4	8	14	8
West Ham	8	1	4	3	10	11	7
Bradford	8	1	3	4	4	12	6
Derby	8	0	5	3	14	19	5

LEADING GOALSCORERS
7 Michael Owen (Liverpool)
6 Marian Pahars (Southampton)

FRANCE

Tuesday, September 5

Monaco 0
Marseille 2 (Abardonado 78, Belmadi 88) Att: 15,400

Wednesday, September 6

Bastia 1 (Nee 55)
Lille 0 Att: 5,000

Guingamp 2 (Carnot 54, 58)
Toulouse 1 (Bonilla 32) Att: 7,813

Lens 1 (Magnier og 4)
Auxerre 0 Att: 37,368

Metz 1 (Baticle pen 88)
Strasbourg 0 Att: 16,004

Nantes 0
Bordeaux 5 (Pauleta 24, 43, 60, Wilmots 71, Laslandes 83) Att: 32,000

Saint-Etienne 2 (Pedron 13, Panov 49)
Lyon 2 (Anderson 10, Marlet 39) Att: 31,000

Troyes 5 (Djukic pen 2, 72, Rohten 49, Arpinon pen 58, Jbari 70)
Paris SG 3 (Robert 23, 34, Anelka 74) Att: 15,363

Saturday, September 9

Auxerre 2 (Comisetti 80, 83)
Nantes 2 (Fabbri 42, Moldovan 55) Att: 9,000

Bordeaux 0
Guingamp 2 (Rodriguez 6, Barret 80) Att: 30,000

Lille 1 (Cheyrou 7)
Troyes 2 (Jbari 3, Gousse 33) Att: 14,414

Lyon 3 (Anderson 53, Marlet 60, 87)
Lens 0 Att: 34,706

Paris SG 5 (Anelka 22, 90, Okocha pen 52, Robert 62, Christian 70)
Saint-Etienne 1 (Huard 65) Att: 44,757

Sedan 1 (Mionnet 54)
Monaco 0 Att: 11,997

Rennes 0
Metz 1 (Baticle 29) Att: 16,5

Strasbourg 1 (Luyindula
Bastia 4 (Andre 35, 70,

Sunday, Septem

Toulouse 2 (Petr
Marseille 0 Att

Saturday.

Bastia 0
Rennes

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Guingamp 1 (Rodriguez 15)
Auxerre 0 Att: 8,000

Lens 1 (Diouf 57)
Paris SG 1 (Leroy 63) Att: 40,000

Metz 1 (Jager 84)
Sedan 0 Att: 16,000

Monaco 3 (Giuly 4, Nonda 8, 55)
Toulouse 0 Att: 5,000

Marseille 0
Bordeaux 1 (Batlles 62) Att: 55,000

Troyes 0
Strasbourg 1 (Bertin pen 37) Att: 14,000

Sunday, September 17

Nantes 0
Lyon 1 (Anderson 44) Att: 28,000

Saint-Etienne 1 (Alex 20)
Lille 1 (Beck 39) Att: 30,000

Saturday, September 23

Auxerre 0
Marseille 1 (Belmadi 63) Att: 12,000

Bordeaux 2 (Wilmots 41, 53)
Toulouse 1 (Bonilla 56) Att: 22,000

Metz 1 (Gaillot 45)
Monaco 3 (Nonda 6, Prso 73, Giuly 80) Att: 17,000

Lyon 0
Guingamp 1 (Fiorese 90) Att: 30,000

Paris SG 2 (Anelka 8, Robert 56)
Nantes 1 (Moldovan 52) Att: 44,519

Sedan 3 (Mionnet 56, 76, Brogno 60)
Bastia 3 (Nee 7, Laurent 75, Lachuer 90) Att: 15,000

Rennes 0
Troyes 2 (Rothen 57, Djukic 86) Att: 18,000

Strasbourg 3 (Luyindula 8, Haas 43, Bertin 84)
Saint-Etienne 2 (Alex 69, 80) Att: 10,000

Sunday, September 24

Lille 2 (Bakari 85, Peyrelade 90)
Lens 1 (Brunel 23) Att: 19,000

Saturday, September 30

Bastia 1 (Casanova 43)
Metz 0 Att: 6,252

Guingamp 1 (Rodriguez pen 61)
Paris SG 1 (Luccin 88) Att: 17,136

Lens 0
asbourg 0 Att: 39,004

(Simone 22, Gallardo 35)
/Pauleta 36, Wilmots 81) Att: 5,000

1, Diatta 89) Att: 25,546

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FRANCE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Bastia	10	6	1	3	15	10	19
Paris SG	10	5	3	2	21	14	18
Lens	10	4	4	2	11	10	16
Lille	10	4	3	3	12	8	15
Monaco	10	4	3	3	16	14	15
Troyes	10	4	3	3	15	13	15
Lyon	10	3	5	2	11	9	14
Guingamp	10	4	2	4	12	12	14
Marseille	10	4	2	4	12	12	14
Metz	10	4	2	4	8	9	14
Bordeaux	10	3	4	3	14	12	13
Auxerre	10	4	1	5	10	11	13
Rennes	9	3	3	3	11	8	12
Sedan	9	3	3	3	11	11	12
Nantes	10	3	3	4	13	17	12
Saint-Etienne	10	2	4	4	16	20	10
Strasbourg	10	3	1	6	10	22	10
Toulouse	10	1	3	6	8	14	6

LEADING GOALSCORERS

7	Frederic Nee (Bastia)
6	Nicolas Anelka (Paris SG)
6	Laurent Robert (Paris SG)
5	Alex (Saint-Etienne)
5	Sonny Anderson (Lyon)
5	Sladjan Djukic (Troyes)
5	Shabani Nonda (Monaco)
5	Bruno Rodriguez (Guingamp)

GERMANY

Tuesday, September 5

Bayer Leverkusen 1 (Ballack 23)
Unterhaching 0 Att: 22,000

Freiburg 0
Koln 0 Att: 25,000

Kaiserslautern 1 (Basler 3)
Stuttgart 0 Att: 37,594

Schalke 3 (Sand 6, 8, 50)
Energie Cottbus 0 Att: 36,200

Wednesday, September 6

Bayern Munich 3 (Scholl pen 19, Jancker 36, Fink 87)
Wolfsburg 1 (Akonnor 59) Att: 41,000

Borussia Dortmund 2 (Ikpeba 37, Herrlich 54)
1860 Munich 3 (Agostino 34, 86, Stranzl 49) Att: 59,000

Eintracht Frankfurt 4 (Reichenberger 60, 81, Heldt pen 65, pen 79)
Hansa Rostock 0 Att: 20,500

Hamburg 2 (Barbarez 26, Hertzsch 82)
Werder Bremen 1 (Bode 47) Att: 37,382

Hertha 4 (Preetz 20, 60, Alves 35, Hartmann 43)
Bochum 0 Att: 30,994

Friday, September 8

Unterhaching 0
Kaiserslautern 0 Att: 13,000

Saturday, September 9

Bochum 0
Hamburg 4 (Kovac 23, Mahdavikia 32, Barbarez 56, 60) Att: 23,500

Koln 1 (Lottner 75)
Bayer Leverkusen 1 (Kirsten 32) Att: 40,000

Stuttgart 2 (Thiam 30, Balakov 63)
Bayern Munich 1 (Jancker 5) Att: 51,165

1860 Munich 1 (Reck og 65)
Schalke 1 (Mpenza 54) Att: 35,500

er Bremen 1 (Bogdanovic 78)
sia Dortmund 2 (Worns 41, Addo 83) Att:

2 (Akonnor 33, Nowak 58)
i 88) Att: 18,000

Sunday, September 10

Energie Cottbus 2 (Labak 72, Helbig 90)
Eintracht Frankfurt 0 Att: 12,000

Hansa Rostock 0
Freiburg 0 Att: 10,000

Friday, September 15

Kaiserslautern 3 (Djorkaeff pen 10, Ramzy 88, Komljenovic 90)
Koln 1 (Timm 18) Att: 35,000

Saturday, September 16

Bayer Leverkusen 1 (Rink 47)
Hansa Rostock 2 (Arvidsson 33, Breitkreutz 39) Att: 20,000

Bayern Munich 3 (Elber 37, Scholl pen 71, Jancker 83)
Unterhaching 1 (Schwarz 21) Att: 48,000

Bochum 2 (M Maric pen 19, Fahrenhorst 47)
Wolfsburg 1 (Rische 82) Att: 17,000

Eintracht Frankfurt 1 (Reichenberger 31)
1860 Munich 0 Att: 30,000

Freiburg 4 (Iashvili 53, 60, Baya 88, Weisshaupt 89)
Energie Cottbus 1 (Labak 90) Att: 24,500

Hamburg 2 (Barbarez 44, 49)
Borussia Dortmund 3 (Addo 30, Herrlich 76, pen 81) Att: 46,694

Sunday, September 17

Hertha 2 (Daei 77, Alves 79)
Stuttgart 0 Att: 32,980

Schalke 1 (Bohme pen 55)
Werder Bremen 1 (Ailton 50) Att: 45,025

Friday, September 22

1860 Munich 3 (Agostino 75, 84, Max 90)
Freiburg 1 (Muller 36) Att: 22,800

Saturday, September 23

Borussia Dortmund 0
Schalke 4 (Bohme pen 39, Mpenza 45, Heinrich og 60, Sand 76) Att: 68,600

Energie Cottbus 1 (Miriuta 6)
Bayer Leverkusen 2 (Rink 24, Brdaric 89) Att: 15,438

Koln 1 (Scherz 41)
Bayern Munich 2 (Elber 15, Santa Cruz 73) Att: 42,000

Stuttgart 1 (Dundee 89)
Bochum 1 (Peschel 10) Att: 18,000

Werder Bremen 1 (Ernst 42)
Eintracht Frankfurt 1 (Heldt pen 8) Att: 26,517

Wolfsburg 4 (Rische 11, Akpoborie 17, 74, 90)
Hamburg 4 (Mahdavikia 44, Fukal 49, Cardoso 64, Prager 82) Att: 17,885

Sunday, September 24

Hansa Rostock 1 (Rydlewicz 71)
Kaiserslautern 0 Att: 15,000

Unterhaching 5 (Breitenreiter pen 34, 45, 48, Rrakili 50, Straube 84)
Hertha 2 (Beinlich 22, Seifert og 88) Att: 10,000

Friday, September 29

Eintracht Frankfurt 1 (Wimmer 22)
Borussia Dortmund 1 (Bobic 72) Att: 38,600

Saturday, September 30

Bayer Leverkusen 0
1860 Munich 0 Att: 22,500

Bayern Munich 0
Hansa Rostock 1 (Brand 16) Att: 55,000

Bochum 3 (Maric 49, 89, Peschel 68)
Unterhaching 0 Att: 15,505

Hamburg 2 (Heinz 35, Mahdavikia 84)
Schalke 0 Att: 51,400

Hertha 4 (Alves 29, Preetz 30, Wosz 44, 46)
Koln 2 (Arveladze 23, Lottner pen 28) Att: 30,000

Kaiserslautern 1 (H Koch pen 3)
Energie Cottbus 1 (Micevski 48) Att: 35,354

Sunday, October 1

Freiburg 0
Werder Bremen 1 (Ailton 54) Att: 25,000

Wolfsburg 2 (Akpoborie 30, Munteanu 72)
Stuttgart 2 (Maltritz og 6, Lisztes 75) Att: 15,800

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	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Bayern Munich	7	5	0	2	16	7	15
Schalke	7	4	2	1	15	5	14
B Dortmund	7	4	1	2	13	12	13
Hertha	7	4	0	3	18	13	12
1860 Munich	7	3	3	1	11	8	12
Eintracht	7	3	2	2	11	8	11
Hamburg	7	3	2	2	16	14	11
Leverkusen	7	3	2	2	8	8	11
Bochum	7	3	1	3	7	13	10
Hansa Rostock	7	3	1	3	4	10	10
Freiburg	7	2	3	2	10	6	9
Wolfsburg	7	2	2	3	14	14	8
Werder Bremen	7	2	2	3	9	9	8
Stuttgart	7	2	2	3	9	12	8
Kaiserslautern	7	2	2	3	5	8	8
Koln	7	1	2	4	10	13	5
Unterhaching	7	1	2	4	7	13	5
Energie Cottbus	7	1	1	5	7	17	4

LEADING GOALSCORERS

6	Paul Agostino (1860 Munich)
6	Heiko Herrlich (Borussia Dortmund)
6	Carsten Jancker (Bayern Munich)
6	Emile Mpenza (Schalke)
6	Ebbe Sand (Schalke)
5	Sergej Barbarez (Hamburg)
4	Jonathan Akpoborie (Wolfsburg)
4	Horst Heldt (Eintracht Frankfurt)

GREECE

Sep 16: Olympiakos 6 Ethnikos A 0; Panathinaikos 2 Giannina 1.
Sep 17: Ionikos 1 Athinaikos 0; Paniliakos 1 Panionios 1; Panahaiki 1 Xanthi 1; Kalamata 0 PAOK 0.
Sep 18: OFI 2 Aris 3; AEK 2 Iraklis 0.
Sep 23: Panionios 0 Panathinaikos 2.
Sep 24: OFI 1 Olympiakos 2; Ethnikos A 1 Ionikos 0; Aris 1 Paniliakos 0; Athinaikos 0 AEK 3; Iraklis 2 Panahaiki 0; Giannina 1 PAOK 3.
Sep 25: Xanthi 2 Kalamata 1.
Sep 30: Giannina 1 Xanthi 1.
Oct 1: Olympiakos 3 Ionikos 3; Paniliakos 0 OFI 0; AEK 2 Ethnikos A 2; Panahaiki 3 Athinaikos 1; Kalamata 0 Iraklis 0; Panathinaikos 2 Aris 2.
Oct 2: PAOK 1 Panionios 1.

GREECE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Olympiakos	3	2	1	0	11	4	7
AEK	3	2	1	0	7	2	7
Panathinaikos	3	2	1	0	6	3	7
Aris	3	2	1	0	6	4	7
PAOK	3	1	2	0	4	2	5
Xanthi	3	1	2	0	4	3	5
Ionikos	3	1	1	1	4	4	4
Panahaiki	3	1	1	1	4	4	4
Iraklis	3	1	1	1	2	2	4
Ethnikos A	3	1	1	1	3	8	4
Kalamata	3	0	2	1	1	2	2
Paniliakos	3	0	2	1	1	2	2
Panionios	3	0	2	1	2	4	2
OFI	3	0	1	2	3	5	1
Giannina	3	0	1	2	3	6	1
Athinaikos	3	0	0	3	1	7	0

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HOLLAND

Tuesday, September 5

PSV 2 (Bruggink 45, Claudio 85)
Willem II 2 (Bombarda 61, Caluwe 66) Att: 32,500

Wednesday, September 6

Ajax 0
NEC 0 Att: 34,000

Groningen 1 (Gregoor Van Dijk 60)
De Graafschap 0 Att: 9,500

NAC 1 (Sergio 38)
Roda JC 1 (Soetaers 52) Att: 11,460

RKC 3 (Van Wanrooy 12, Hoogendorp 80, Human 86)
AZ 0 Att: 4,200

Twente 2 (Vennegoor of Hesselink 42, Houwing 90)
Heerenveen 2 (Radomski 47, Lurling 50) Att: 13,200

Vitesse 5 (Amoah 41, 45, Martel 51, Peeters 57, Marilia og 63)
Sparta 1 (Elkhattabi 78) Att: 24,500

Friday, September 8

Fortuna 0
PSV 3 (Bruggink 12, Kezman 43, Claudio 78) Att: 9,500

Saturday, September 9

Ajax 3 (Winter 24, Knopper 53, Galasek 85)
Groningen 1 (Drent 32) Att: 35,432

Feyenoord 3 (Tomasson 11, Kalou 28, Korneev 69)
RKC 1 (Hoogendorp 82) Att: 33,500

De Graafschap 4 (Wolters og 13, Tumba 26, Promes 70, Viscaal 74)
AZ 2 (Nelisse pen 48, pen 90) Att: 8,450

Heerenveen 2 (Hansma 46, Talan 78)
NAC 1 (Feher 36) Att: 14,200

Roda JC 2 (Anastasiou 45, pen 70)
Twente 2 (Booth 2, Cairo 65) Att: 12,500

Willem II 2 (Caluwe 5, Arts pen 66)
Vitesse 2 (Kreek pen 4, Pothuizen 40) Att: 13,800

Sunday, September 10

NEC 1 (De Gier 68)
Utrecht 1 (Tanghe 62) Att: 10,000

Sparta 3 (Elkhattabi pen 34, 38, Nielsen 44)
RBC 5 (Hertog 17, Brunswijk 45, Van Helmond 47, Cas 50, Vos pen 59) Att: 6,470

Wednesday, September 13

NAC 2 (Schreuder 4, Van As 68)
RBC 1 (Van Galen 19) Att: 12,546

Saturday, September 16

NAC 3 (Penders 27, Sergio 45, 87)
De Graafschap 0 Att: 11,097

PSV 2 (Kezman 2, Bruggink 29)
Sparta 1 (Elkhattabi 51) Att: 27,000

Sunday, September 17

AZ 3 (Bosman 26, Nelisse 45, Opdam 65)
Ajax 2 (Knopper 36, Galasek 47) Att: 7,980

NEC 1 (Zonneveld 29)
Fortuna 1 (Krijgsman 65) Att: 8,500

RBC 0
Groningen 2 (Drent 6, Gregoor Van Dijk pen 59) Att: 6,000

Utrecht 1 (Van den Bergh pen 90)
Twente 2 (Booth 14, Vennegoor of Hesselink 56) Att: 13,700

Vitesse 1 (Martel 42)
RKC 0 Att: 24,500

Friday, September 22

Ajax 2 (Chivu 62, Gronkjaer 71)
RBC 0 Att: 31,234

Saturday, September 23

Fortuna 1 (Roest 48)
Vitesse 4 (Amoah 21, 41, Sikora 26, Peeters 33) Att: 7,500

Sunday, September 24

Groningen 1 (Drent 2)
Utrecht 3 (Zwaanswijk 24, Gluscevic 71, Van den Bergh pen 78) Att: 11,076

NAC 2 (Steyn 16, Broers 90)
Willem II 0 Att: 13,084

RKC 0
NEC 0 Att: 3,500

Twente 3 (Vennegoor of Hesselink 23, De Witte 37, Bot og 70)
De Graafschap 1 (Turpijn 85) Att: 13,000

Sunday, October 1

De Graafschap 2 (Turpijn 5, Hupkes 7)
Feyenoord 3 (Korneev 13, Tomasson 56, 61) Att: 10,000

Groningen 0
PSV 1 (Kezman 67) Att: 12,000

RKC 1 (Human 79)
Twente 1 (Booth 25) Att: 4,850

Roda JC 4 (Tchoutang 42, 71, Van Haaren 58, Van der Luer pen 90)
AZ 2 (Opdam 55, Nelisse pen 88) Att: 12,500

Sparta 1 (Elkhattabi 70)
Willem II 2 (Arts pen 67, Ceesay 78) Att: 7,000

Vitesse 2 (Martel 69, Kreek 77)
Utrecht 1 (Van der Gaag 35) Att: 25,500

Monday, October 2

Heerenveen 2 (Jensen 10, Hansma 77)
Ajax 2 (Machlas 53, 66) Att: 14,300

HOLLAND

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Vitesse	7	5	1	1	18	10	16
NAC	7	4	1	2	14	6	13
PSV	6	4	1	1	11	6	13
Feyenoord	4	4	0	0	10	4	12
Ajax	7	3	2	2	14	9	11
NEC	7	2	5	0	13	9	11
RKC	8	3	2	3	8	8	11
Roda JC	5	2	3	0	12	8	9
Willem II	6	2	3	1	9	8	9
Twente	7	2	3	2	12	12	9
Heerenveen	5	2	2	1	8	7	8
Groningen	8	2	2	4	11	17	8
Utrecht	6	2	1	3	9	9	7
AZ	6	2	0	4	10	15	6
De Graafschap	7	2	0	5	10	15	6
Sparta	6	1	1	4	11	16	4
RBC	7	1	0	6	9	17	3
Fortuna	5	0	1	4	2	15	1

LEADING GOALSCORERS
8 Ali Elkhattabi (Sparta)
7 Georgi Hristov (NEC)
6 Martin Drent (Groningen)
6 Robin Nelisse (AZ)
5 Matthew Amoah (Vitesse)
5 Jon Dahl Tomasson (Feyenoord)

HUNGARY

GROUP A

Sep 6: Dunaferr 5 Ferencvaros 2.
Sep 9: Kispest-Honved 1 Matav 1; Nyiregyhaza 1 Haladas 0; Gyor 1 Dunaferr 1; Ferencvaros 2 Tatabanya 2.
Sep 15: Haladas 3 Ferencvaros 0.
Sep 16: Matav 3 Tatabanya 4; Gyor 2 Nyiregyhaza 0.
Sep 19: Kispest-Honved 2 Gyor 0.
Sep 20: Ferencvaros 1 Dunaferr 1; Matav 3 Haladas 1; Tatabanya 1 Nyiregyhaza 0.
Sep 23: Dunaferr 4 Matav 1; Gyor 0 Ferencvaros 3; Nyiregyhaza 3 Kispest-Honved 1; Haladas 1 Tatabanya 1.
Sep 30: Nyiregyhaza 1 Matav 2; Kispest-Honved 1 Ferencvaros 2; Gyor 2 Haladas 2.
Oct 1: Dunaferr 2 Tatabanya 5.
Oct 4: Dunaferr 5 Kispest-Honved 3.

HUNGARY – GROUP A

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Dunaferr	11	6	4	1	29	16	22
Tatabanya	11	6	4	1	23	15	22
Gyor	11	5	2	4	16	16	17
Matav	11	5	1	5	18	20	16
Ferencvaros	11	4	3	4	19	19	15
Kispest-Honved	11	2	5	4	16	18	11
Nyiregyhaza	11	3	0	8	8	16	9
Haladas	11	2	3	6	12	21	9

GROUP B

Sep 8: Vasas 4 Nagykanizsa 0; Videoton 1 MTK 3.
Sep 9: Zalaegerszeg 0 Debrecen 0; Ujpest 1 Pecs 1.
Sep 16: Pecs 0 Zalaegerszeg 1; Vasas 1 Ujpest 2; Nagykanizsa 1 Videoton 0.
Sep 17: Debrecen 2 MTK 2.
Sep 20: Videoton 1 Vasas 0; Zalaegerszeg 2 Nagykanizsa 2; MTK 1 Pecs 0; Debrecen 2 Ujpest 0.
Sep 23: Pecs 1 Debrecen 0; Vasas 0 Zalaegerszeg 0; Ujpest 0 Videoton 0.
Sep 29: Videoton 1 Zalaegerszeg 1.
Oct 1: Vasas 2 Pecs 0; Nagykanizsa 1 Debrecen 3.
Oct 2: Ujpest 1 MTK 4.

HUNGARY – GROUP B

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
MTK	10	7	3	0	23	6	24
Ujpest	11	5	3	3	26	16	18
Debrecen	11	5	2	4	19	15	17
Vasas	11	4	4	3	15	9	16
Videoton	11	4	3	4	14	15	15
Zalaegerszeg	11	2	7	2	9	15	13
Nagykanizsa	10	2	2	6	9	25	8
Pecs	11	1	2	8	5	19	5

ITALY

Saturday, September 30

Bari 1 (Andersson pen 81)
Verona 1 (Gonnella 87) Att: 11,756

Napoli 1 (Stellone 41)
Juventus 2 (Kovacevic 66, Del Piero 74) Att: 67,927

Sunday, October 1

Atalanta 2 (Pancaro og 20, C Zenoni 57)
Lazio 2 (Mihajlovic 3, Inzaghi 72) Att: 27,000

Milan 2 (Bierhoff 16, Shevchenko 84)
Vicenza 0 Att: 46,836

Parma 2 (M Amoroso 5, pen 90)
Fiorentina 2 (Pierini 65, C Amoroso 82) Att: 19,000

Perugia 1 (Materazzi pen 73)
Lecce 1 (Vugrinec 24) Att: 10,000

Reggina 2 (Possanzini 45, Marazzina 50)
Inter 1 (Recoba 10) Att: 28,000

Roma 2 (Totti 45, Castellini og 62)
Bologna 0 Att: 60,000

Udinese 4 (Sosa 2, Iaquinta 58, Gargo 81, Muzzi 84)
Brescia 2 (Bisoli 64, Diana 80) Att: 15,000

ITALY

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Udinese	1	1	0	0	4	2	3
Milan	1	1	0	0	2	0	3
Roma	1	1	0	0	2	0	3
Juventus	1	1	0	0	2	1	3
Reggina	1	1	0	0	2	1	3
Atalanta	1	0	1	0	2	2	1
Fiorentina	1	0	1	0	2	2	1
Lazio	1	0	1	0	2	2	1
Parma	1	0	1	0	2	2	[illegible]
Bari	1	0	1	0	1	1	[illegible]
Lecce	1	0	1	0	1	[illegible]	[illegible]
Perugia	1	0	1	0	1	[illegible]	[illegible]
Verona	1	0	1	0	1	[illegible]	[illegible]
Inter	1	0	0	1	1	[illegible]	[illegible]
Napoli	1	0	0	1	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Brescia	1	0	0	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Bologna	1	0	0	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Vicenza	1	0	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

LEADING GOALSCORER
2 Marcio Amoroso (Parma)

SUPER CUP

Sep 9 - Rome
Lazio 4 (Claudio Lopez 33, 39, Mihajlovic 47, Stankovic 75)
Inter 3 (Keane 3, Farinos 62, Vampeta 77)
Att: 60,000

NORWAY

Sep 9: Moss 3 Brann 2; Tromso 2 Rosenborg 0.
Sep 10: Bodo/Glimt 1 Viking 2; Bryne 4 Lillestrom 2; Stabaek 2 Haugesund 0; Start 1 Odd Grenland 0; Valerenga 1 Molde 5.
Sep 16: Rosenborg 2 Bodo/Glimt 1.
Sep 17: Haugesund 1 Start 2; Lillestrom 1 Moss 0; Molde 1 Bryne 1; Odd Grenland 3 Tromso 0; Viking 1 Valerenga 1; Brann 2 Stabaek 2.
Sep 20: Brann 2 Start 1.
Sep 24: Lillestrom 0 Stabaek 0.
Oct 1: Bodo/Glimt 1 Odd Grenland 2; Brann 2 Haugesund 1; Bryne 0 Viking 3; Moss 0 Molde 1; Stabaek 0 Lillestrom 2; Tromso 3 Start 2; Valerenga 2 Rosenborg 2.

NORWAY

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Rosenborg	24	15	5	4	51	25	50
Viking	24	13	5	6	49	36	44
Brann	24	12	5	7	47	39	41
Molde	24	11	7	6	44	39	40
Stabaek	24	11	5	8	54	30	38
Tromso	24	11	5	8	42	43	38
Lillestrom	23	10	7	6	37	23	37
Odd Grenland	24	10	5	9	36	30	35
Moss	24	7	7	10	35	42	28
Bodo/Glimt	24	6	9	9	45	53	27
Bryne	24	6	6	12	31	51	24
Valerenga	24	4	9	11	29	40	21
Start	23	5	5	13	35	57	20
Haugesund	24	4	4	16	30	57	16

POLAND

Sep 9: Slask 1 Amica 1; R Chorzow 0 Katowice 0; Orlen 1 Stomil 2; Legia 2 Odra 0; Zaglebie 0 Pogon 1; R Radzionkow 3 Gornik 1; Groclin 1 Widzew 1.
Sep 10: Wisla 4 Polonia 0.
Sep 16: Pogon 1 R Radzionkow 0; Katowice 0 Orlen 0; Gornik 1 Groclin 2; Odra 0 Zaglebie 1.
Sep 17: Amica 3 Widzew 1; Polonia 0 Legia 0; Stomil 0 Wisla 3; Slask 3 R Chorzow 2.
Sep 30: R Radzionkow 0 Odra 1; Groclin 2 Pogon 1; Orlen 2 Slask 1; Widzew 1 Gornik 0; Legia 2 Stomil 1.
Oct 1: R Chorzow 3 Amica 1; Wisla 3 Katowice 1; Zaglebie 0 Polonia 1.

POLAND

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Wisla	9	7	1	1	24	6	22
Pogon	9	6	2	1	12	6	20
Legia	9	5	4	0	11	4	[illegible]
Polonia	9	5	2	2	12	[illegible]	[illegible]
Amica	9	4	3	2	15	[illegible]	[illegible]
Zaglebie	9	4	1	4	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Stomil	9	4	1	4	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Widzew	9	3	3	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Groclin	9	3	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Odra	9	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Orlen	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Slask	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
R Chorzow	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Katowice	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
R Rad[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Gor[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

WORLDSERVICE

Sunday, September 10

Aves 2 (Quinzinho 64, Octavio 83)
Campomaiorense 2 (Detinho 44, Jorginho 80)

Beira Mar 2 (Sousa 51, 79)
Belenenses 2 (Eliel 38, Guga 88)

Estrela Amadora 0
Boavista 0

Gil Vicente 0
Farense 0

Salgueiros 1 (Pedrosa pen 44)
Maritimo 0

Monday, September 11

Alverca 1 (Milinkovic 89)
Guimaraes 3 (Soderstrom 38, Maurilio 46, Geraldo 86)

Friday, September 15

Guimaraes 3 (Evando 76, Paulao 86, Lima 89)
Gil Vicente 1 (Nuno Assis 23)

Saturday, September 16

Sporting Lisbon 1 (Horvath 28)
Alverca 1 (Tito 90)

Sunday, September 17

Belenenses 1 (Verona 33)
Uniao Leiria 1 (Luis Carlos 1)

Maritimo 2 (Lagorio 19, Mariano 42)
Aves 1 (Jose 44)

Pacos Ferreira 3 (Rafael 24, Marco Paulo 54, Paulo Vida pen 90)
Beira Mar 2 (Jorge Neves 9, Cilio 69)

Farense 2 (Hassan Nader 39, pen 65)
Salgueiros 1 (Pedrosa 52)

Monday, September 18

Benfica 2 (Van Hooijdonk 89, 90)
Estrela Amadora 1 (Djalma 72)

Boavista 1 (Geraldo 39)
Sporting Braga 2 (Feher 11, 79)

Campomaiorense 0
FC Porto 5 (Pena 22, 50, Drulovic 37, Pizzi 89, 90)

Friday, September 22

Salgueiros 2 (Pedrosa pen 36, 81)
Guimaraes 1 (Ricardo og 88)

Saturday, September 23

Boavista 1 (Duda 2)
Benfica 0

Gil Vicente 0
Sporting Lisbon 2 (Sa Pinto 62, Acosta pen 85)

Sunday, September 24

Estrela Amadora 0
Belenenses 2 (Marcao 15, 60)

Uniao Leiria 1 (Dinda 69)
Pacos Ferreira 4 (Rafael 7, 59, Paulo Vida 21, Marco Paulo 89)

Beira Mar 0
Campomaiorense 0

FC Porto 1 (Pena 25)
Maritimo 0

Aves 3 (Quinzinho 14, Rui Lima 33, 75)
Farense 1 (Hassan Nader 49)

orting Braga 1 (Riva 25)
erca 1 (Verissimo 87)

turday, September 30

naraes 2 (Congo 31, Maurilio 35)
s 2 (Octavio 78, Naddah 81)

Sunday, October 1

Alverca 2 (Costa 3, Ramires 82)
Gil Vicente 0

Campomaiorense 1 (Canete 22)
Uniao Leiria 1 (Derlei 16)

Maritimo 2 (Sumodica 35, Sergio 88)
Beira Mar 1 (Marcelo Passos 84)

Pacos Ferreira 4 (Rafael 26, Paulo Vida 38, 79, Erivaldo 81)
Estrela Amadora 1 (Leal 89)

Sporting Lisbon 2 (Acosta 61, 90)
Salgueiros 0

Monday, October 2

Belenenses 2 (Marcao 39, Verona 56)
Boavista 2 (Sanchez 27, Erivan 41)

Benfica 2 (Tomas 62, Van Hooijdonk 78)
Sporting Braga 2 (Feher 33, Artur Jorge 89)

Farense 1 (Los Rios 89)
FC Porto 3 (Pena 27, Candido Costa 55, Drulovic 90)

PORTUGAL

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
FC Porto	6	5	0	1	13	4	15
Sporting Braga	6	4	2	0	10	6	14
Sporting Lisbon	6	4	1	1	12	5	13
Pacos Ferreira	6	4	0	2	14	7	12
Belenenses	6	3	3	0	10	5	12
Salgueiros	6	4	0	2	7	6	12
Boavista	6	3	2	1	12	6	11
Maritimo	6	3	1	2	5	4	10
Benfica	6	2	2	2	9	8	8
Guimaraes	6	2	1	3	10	11	7
Farense	6	2	1	3	6	8	7
Alverca	6	1	3	2	5	7	6
Uniao Leiria	6	1	3	2	6	11	6
Aves	6	1	2	3	8	10	5
Campomaiorense	6	0	4	2	6	12	4
Beira Mar	6	0	2	4	8	15	2
Gil Vicente	6	0	2	4	2	9	2
Estrela Amadora	6	0	1	5	2	11	1

LEADING GOALSCORER
7 Miklos Feher (Sporting Braga)

ROMANIA

Sep 9: Arges 1 Petrolul 0; National 5 Foresta 0; Otelul 2 Rocar 1; Rapid 1 Gloria 0.
Sep 10: Bacau 1 Ceahlaul 0; Steaua 1 Brasov 0.
Sep 11: Astra 2 U Craiova 0.
Sep 13: Gaz Metan 0 Dinamo 2.
Sep 15: Petrolul 3 Bacau 1.
Sep 16: Ceahlaul 0 Astra 0; Brasov 0 Otelul 0; Rocar 2 Gaz Metan 1; Gloria 1 Steaua 1.
Sep 17: U Craiova 2 National 0; Dinamo 2 Arges 1.
Sep 18: Foresta 1 Rapid 0.
Sep 22: Arges 1 Rocar 0.
Sep 23: Gaz Metan 0 Brasov 1; National 2 Astra 0; Otelul 2 Gloria 0; Petrolul 2 Ceahlaul 1; Steaua 2 Foresta 1.
Sep 24: Rapid 1 U Craiova 1; Bacau 1 Dinamo 1.
Sep 29: Brasov 0 Arges 0.
Sep 30: Ceahlaul 2 National 1; Foresta 1 Otelul 1; Rocar 2 Bacau 0; Gloria 1 Gaz Metan 0; U Craiova 1 Steaua 0.
Oct 1: Astra 0 Rapid 1; Dinamo 2 Petrolul 3.

ROMANIA

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Steaua	8	5	2	1	18	12	17
U Craiova	8	5	2	1	11	5	17
Petrolul	8	5	1	2	13	9	16
Otelul	8	4	2	2	13	10	14
Brasov	8	4	2	2	4	2	14
Rocar	8	4	1	3	16	13	13
Arges	8	4	1	3	9	11	13
Rapid	8	3	2	3	8	7	11
Bacau	8	3	2	3	13	13	11
Dinamo	8	3	2	3	12	12	11
Foresta	8	3	2	3	10	12	11
Gloria	8	2	2	4	6	9	8
National	8	2	1	5	11	13	7
Astra	8	2	1	5	6	10	7
Ceahlaul	8	1	2	5	6	14	5
Gaz Metan	8	1	1	6	5	9	4

RUSSIA

Sep 6: Chernomorets 0 Lokomotiv M 3; Saturn 0 Kryliya Sovetov 0; Dinamo 2 Spartak 4; Lokomotiv NN 1 Fakel 0; Anzhi 1 Rotor 1; Zenit 1 Alaniya 0; Torpedo 2 Uralan 2; Rostselmash 1 CSKA 1.
Sep 10: Chernomorets 1 Zenit 1.
Sep 18: Lokomotiv NN 0 Rostselmash 0; Anzhi 3 Zenit 2.
Sep 22: CSKA 4 Anzhi 0.
Sep 23: Rotor 2 Lokomotiv NN 2; Fakel 1 Dinamo 0; Kryliya Sovetov 0 Chernomorets 0; Lokomotiv M 0 Torpedo 3; Uralan 0 Zenit 2; Alaniya 2 Rostselmash 0.
Oct 1: Zenit 1 Lokomotiv M 2; Torpedo 2 Kryliya Sovetov 1; Chernomorets 1 Spartak 4; Saturn 0 Fakel 1; Dinamo 2 Rotor 0; Alaniya 2 CSKA 1; Lokomotiv NN 1 Anzhi 2; Rostselmash 3 Uralan 0.

RUSSIA

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Spartak	27	20	1	6	64	28	61
Lokomotiv M	26	16	7	3	35	16	55
Anzhi	26	14	5	7	36	25	47
Torpedo	27	13	7	7	37	28	46
Dinamo	26	12	7	7	39	31	43
Chernomorets	26	11	9	6	39	24	42
Zenit	26	11	7	8	33	23	40
Saturn	26	9	8	9	25	26	35
Alaniya	26	9	7	10	29	33	34
CSKA	26	9	5	12	31	34	32
Rotor	26	7	8	11	31	47	29
Rostselmash	26	5	13	8	21	22	28
Fakel	26	6	9	11	22	40	27
Kryliya Sovetov	26	6	5	15	23	42	23
Lokomotiv NN	26	3	8	15	15	35	17
Uralan	26	2	6	18	15	41	12

SCOTLAND

Saturday, September 9

Aberdeen 1 (Winters 74)
St Johnstone 1 (Sylla 65) Att: 11,026

Celtic 3 (Larsson pen 17, 45, Burchill 89)
Hibernian 0 Att: 60,091

Dundee 1 (Sara 75)
Rangers 1 (McCann 56) Att: 10,439

Hearts 2 (Juanjo 7, McSwegan 64)
Dunfermline 0 Att: 11,811

Kilmarnock 1 (Mitchell 30)
Dundee Utd 0 Att: 6,380

St Mirren 0
Motherwell 1 (McCulloch 53) Att: 5,274

Saturday, September 16

Dundee Utd 0
St Mirren 0 Att: 5,943

Hibernian 2 (Paatelainen 49, 80)
Motherwell 0 Att: 9,868

Kilmarnock 1 (Mitchell 26)
Aberdeen 0 Att: 6,110

St Johnstone 0
Dundee 0 Att: 3,649

Sunday, September 17

Rangers 1 (De Boer 58)
Hearts 0 Att: 47,340

Monday, September 18

Dunfermline 1 (Crawford pen 60)
Celtic 2 (Larsson 62, 85) Att: 9,493

Wednesday, September 20

Dundee 3 (Sara 47, 80, 88)
Dundee Utd 0 Att: 9,838

Hearts 2 (McSwegan 46, Juanjo 68)
St Mirren 0 Att: 10,524

Saturday, September 23

Celtic 1 (Petrov 60)
Dundee 0 Att: 59,674

Dundee Utd 3 (Easton pen 65, McConalogue 85, Hannah 90)
Aberdeen 5 (Winters 9, 19, pen 81, D Young 30, Jess 90) Att: 7,699

Dunfermline 1 (Moss 47)
Hibernian 1 (Latapy pen 22) Att: 8,275

Motherwell 0
Rangers 1 (Mols 14) Att: 11,275

St Mirren 0
St Johnstone 1 (Parker 10) Att: 4,519

Hearts 0
Kilmarnock 2 (Wright 5, Dindeleux 46) Att: 10,379

Saturday, September 30

Dundee 0
Kilmarnock 0 Att: 6,170

St Johnstone 0
Hibernian 3 (Sauzee 16, Zitelli 23, Latapy 74) Att: 5,464

St Mirren 2 (McGowan 21, Yardley 32)
Dunfermline 1 (Dair 64) Att: 5,002

Sunday, October 1

Aberdeen 1 (Winters 45)
Celtic 1 (Larsson 81) Att: 18,239

Rangers 3 (Kanchelskis 33, Albertz 43, Van Bronckhorst 73)
Dundee Utd 0 Att: 44,324

Hearts 3 (Durie 12, 58, Kirk 27)
Motherwell 0 Att: 10,460

SCOTLAND

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Celtic	9	8	1	0	22	8	25
Hibernian	10	7	2	1	19	5	23
Rangers	9	7	1	1	21	12	22
Kilmarnock	10	5	2	3	12	10	17
Hearts	10	3	4	3	13	11	13
Dundee	10	3	4	3	12	10	13
Aberdeen	9	2	5	2	11	11	11
St Johnstone	9	2	5	2	9	11	11
Dunfermline	10	2	3	5	7	15	9
St Mirren	10	2	1	7	6	14	7
Motherwell	10	1	2	7	5	15	5
Dundee Utd	10	0	2	8	6	21	2

LEADING GOALSCORERS
10 Henrik Larsson (Celtic)
7 Billy Dodds (Rangers)

SPAIN

Saturday, September 9

Barcelona 2 (Rivaldo 30, 36)
Malaga 1 (Dario 75) Att: 85,000

La Coruna 2 (Victor pen 52, Pandiani 90)
Athletic Bilbao 0 Att: 32,000

Real Sociedad 2 (Idiakez 49, Jankauskas pen 76)
Racing Santander 2 (Beschastnykh pen 87, Moran 90) Att: 20,000

Real Madrid 2 (Raul 77, 86)
Valencia 1 (Mendieta pen 75) Att: 70,000

Zaragoza 1 (Acuna 68)
Espanyol 2 (Galca pen 87, Serrano 90) Att: 25,000

Sunday, September 10

Las Palmas 0
Alaves 3 (Geli 1, Javi Moreno 59, 64) Att: 18,233

Numancia 1 (Delgado 80)
Oviedo 0 Att: 8,000

Osasuna 0
Celta Vigo 2 (Catanha 80, Manolo 84) Att: 15,000

Mallorca 1 (Carlos 3)
Valladolid 1 (Turiel 72) Att: 17,800

Villarreal 1 (Victor 48)
Rayo Vallecano 5 (Luis Cembranos 23, 55, Quevedo 28, Bolo pen 45, Helder 86) Att: 14,000

Saturday, September 16

Athletic Bilbao 3 (Larrazabal pen 43, pen 63, Yeste 90)
Barcelona 1 (Kluivert 25) Att: 34,000

Malaga 3 (Movilla 33, 57, Agostinho 48)
Real Madrid 3 (Raul 16, Celades 59, Guti 81) Att: 18,000

Racing Santander 0
La Coruna 3 (Valeron 35, Manuel Pablo 58, Fran 84) Att: 14,000

Valladolid 2 (Kaviedes 13, 88)
Numancia 0 Att: 10,500

Valencia 4 (Mendieta pen 30, 50, Vicente 62, Sanchez 68)
Mallorca 0 Att: 45,000

Sunday, September 17

Alaves 0
Villarreal 1 (Victor 69) Att: 15,000

Celta Vigo 4 (Gustavo Lopez 32, Catanha 36, Mostovoi 37, Jesuli 85)
Real Sociedad 1 (De Pedro pen 80) Att: 20,000

Espanyol 1 (Manel 89)
Osasuna 2 (Yanguas 55, Ivan Rosado 90) Att: 20,300

Rayo Vallecano 0
Zaragoza 0 Att: 10,000

Oviedo 2 (Losada 61, Danjou 89)
Las Palmas 2 (Jarni pen 39, Pablo Lago 70) Att: 22,000

Saturday, September 23

Barcelona 3 (Kluivert 32, 57, Overmars 90)
Racing Santander 1 (Espina 61) Att: 60,000

Las Palmas 1 (Eloy 51)
Valladolid 1 (Pachon 46) Att: 16,821

Real Sociedad 1 (Jankauskas 5)
La Coruna 1 (Pandiani 63) Att: 20,000

Real Madrid 4 (Guti 16, 46, Roberto Carlos 35, Munitis 64)
Athletic Bilbao 1 (Ezquerro 90) Att: 65,000

Zaragoza 2 (Jamelli 41, Yordi 57)
Alaves 2 (Javi Moreno 21, Desio 39) Att: 24,000

Sunday, September 24

Celta Vigo 1 (Catanha 19)
Espanyol 0 Att: 22,000

Numancia 0
Valencia 3 (Sanchez 76, 83, Vicente 86) Att: 10,000

Osasuna 2 (Sabino 12, Armentano 78)
Rayo Vallecano 2 (Quevedo 34, Bolo 59) Att: 15,435

Mallorca 0
Malaga 1 (Dely Valdes 52) Att: 15,200

Villarreal 1 (Arruabarrena 13)
Oviedo 0 Att: 16,000

Saturday, September 30

Racing Santander 0
Real Madrid 0 Att: 20,000

Sunday, October 1

Alaves 2 (Javi Moreno pen 73, Ivan Alonso 90)
Osasuna 0 Att: 15,123

Athletic Bilbao 2 (Urzaiz 41, 61)
Mallorca 1 (Engonga 38) Att: 30,000

La Coruna 2 (Donato 65, Diego Tristan 77)
Barcelona 0 Att: 34,000

Malaga 1 (Canabal 22)
Numancia 3 (Pacheta 9, Ojeda 28, Jose Manuel 89) Att: 14,000

Rayo Vallecano 3 (De Quintana 15, Mauro 87, Michel 90)
Celta Vigo 0 Att: 8,500

Oviedo 2 (Losada 16, Ivan Ania 42)
Zaragoza 1 (Pablo 83) Att: 20,000

Valladolid 0
Villarreal 0 Att: 11,300

Valencia 5 (Sanchez 22, 59, Zahovic 24, Carew 62, Vicente 90)
Las Palmas 1 (Gudjonsson 81) Att: 45,000

SPAIN

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
La Coruna	4	3	1	0	8	1	10
Valencia	4	3	0	1	13	3	9
Celta Vigo	4	3	0	1	7	4	9
Rayo Vallecano	4	2	2	0	10	3	8
Real Madrid	4	2	2	0	9	5	8
Alaves	4	2	1	1	7	3	7
Villarreal	4	2	1	1	3	5	7
Valladolid	4	1	3	0	4	2	6
Barcelona	4	2	0	2	6	7	6
Athletic Bilbao	4	2	0	2	6	8	6
Numancia	4	2	0	2	4	6	6
Oviedo	4	1	1	2	4	5	4
Malaga	4	1	1	2	6	8	4
Osasuna	4	1	1	2	4	7	4
Espanyol	3	1	0	2	3	4	3
Zaragoza	4	0	2	2	4	6	2
Real Sociedad	3	0	2	1	4	7	2
Racing Santander	4	0	2	2	3	8	2
Las Palmas	4	0	2	2	4	11	2
Mallorca	4	0	1	3	2	8	1

LEADING GOALSCORERS

5	Juan Sanchez (Valencia)
4	Javi Moreno (Alaves)
3	Catanha (Celta Vigo)
3	Guti (Real Madrid)
3	Patrick Kluivert (Barcelona)
3	Gaizka Mendieta (Valencia)
3	Vicente (Valencia)

SWEDEN

Sep 6: Elfsborg 2 Sundsvall 0; Hammarby 2 Orebro 1; Vastra Frolunda 1 AIK 2.
Sep 9: Norrkoping 1 IFK Gothenburg 0; Sundsvall 1 Helsingborgs 4.
Sep 10: AIK 3 GAIS 1; Orebro 1 Halmstads 2.
Sep 11: Hacken 3 Vastra Frolunda 3; Hammarby 1 Trelleborgs 1.
Sep 16: Helsingborgs 3 Norrkoping 1.
Sep 17: AIK 1 Orebro 2; Halmstads 4 Hammarby 1; Trelleborgs 1 Orgryte 1; Vastra Frolunda 2 Sundsvall 2.
Sep 18: Elfsborg 2 Hacken 2.
Sep 19: IFK Gothenburg 3 GAIS 2.
Sep 21: Orgryte 1 Elfsborg 2; Hammarby 0 AIK 2.
Sep 23: GAIS 0 Helsingborgs 4.
Sep 24: Norrkoping 0 Sundsvall 0; Orgryte 1 Halmstads 2.
Sep 25: Elfsborg 3 Vastra Frolunda 1; Hacken 0 Trelleborgs 0.
Sep 26: Orebro 2 IFK Gothenburg 2.
Oct 1: AIK 0 Orgryte 1; Halmstads 4 Hacken 1; Trelleborgs 4 Elfsborg 1; Vastra Frolunda 0 Norrkoping 8.
Oct 2: IFK Gothenburg 3 Hammarby 1; Helsingborgs 2 Orebro 2; Sundsvall 2 GAIS 1.

SWEDEN

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Halmstads	22	14	4	4	42	21	46
AIK	22	12	4	6	33	25	40
Helsingborgs	22	12	3	7	43	25	39
Elfsborg	22	12	2	8	38	33	38
IFK Gothenburg	22	9	8	5	35	27	35
Orgryte	22	10	3	9	28	25	33
Norrkoping	22	7	10	5	35	23	31
Orebro	22	8	6	8	37	33	30
Trelleborgs	22	7	8	7	23	23	29
Hammarby	22	7	6	9	25	32	27
Sundsvall	22	6	7	9	28	34	25
Hacken	22	3	11	8	30	40	20
GAIS	22	2	8	12	19	37	14
Vastra Frolunda	22	2	6	14	15	53	12

SWITZERLAND

Sep 5: Aarau 0 Basle 1; Lausanne 3 Sion 2; Lugano 3 Yverdon 0; Servette 2 Lucerne 0; St Gallen 1 Grasshopper 0; Zurich 3 Neuchatel Xamax 0.
Sep 8: Basle 1 Zurich 1.
Sep 9: Neuchatel Xamax 2 Lausanne 4; Servette 2 Lugano 0; Yverdon 1 St Gallen 1.
Sep 10: Grasshopper 6 Aarau 0; Lucerne 3 Sion 1.
Sep 16: Aarau 4 Yverdon 3; Sion 2 Neuchatel Xamax 1.
Sep 17: Lausanne 3 Basle 0; Lugano 3 Lucerne 0.
Sep 18: St.Gallen 0 Servette 0; Zurich 1 Grasshopper 1.
Sep 22: Neuchatel Xamax 1 Lucerne 1; Zurich 5 Yverdon 0.
Sep 23: Sion 1 Basle 1; Lausanne 0 Grasshopper 2.
Sep 24: Aarau 0 Servette 3; St Gallen 1 Lugano 1.
Sep 29: Lugano 1 Aarau 1.
Oct 1: Basle 5 Neuchatel Xamax 1; Grasshopper 5 Sion 0; Lucerne 1 St Gallen 5; Yverdon 2 Lausanne 0; Servette 1 Zurich 1.

SWITZERLAND

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Lugano	13	8	3	2	21	7	27
Lausanne	13	8	0	5	25	19	24
Grasshopper	13	7	2	4	31	10	23
St Gallen	13	6	5	2	22	11	23
Servette	13	5	5	3	20	15	20
Basle	13	5	4	4	25	20	19
Zurich	13	3	7	3	22	16	16
Sion	13	4	3	6	14	24	15
Aarau	13	4	2	7	15	25	14
Lucerne	13	4	2	7	18	30	14
Yverdon	13	3	3	7	15	26	12
Neuchatel Xamax	13	2	2	9	13	38	8

TURKEY

Sep 6: Bursaspor 0 Galatasaray 2.
Sep 8: Adanaspor 1 Besiktas 1.
Sep 9: Ankaragucu 2 Genclerbirligi 3; Antalyaspor 4 Denizlispor 1; Trabzonspor 2 Kocaelispor 1; Galatasaray 1 Samsunspor 2.
Sep 10: Yozgatspor 0 Rizespor 0; Erzurumspor 5 Bursaspor 0; Gaziantepspor 0 Istanbulspor 0; Fenerbahce 4 Siirt Jet 2.
Sep 15: Kocaelispor 1 Galatasaray 4.
Sep 16: Besiktas 3 Fenerbahce 0; Denizlispor 1 Bursaspor 1; Samsunspor 2 Erzurumspor 2.
Sep 17: Antalyaspor 2 Rizespor 1; Yozgatspor 4 Adanaspor 1; Siirt Jet 1 Ankaragucu 1; Genclerbirligi 2 Gaziantepspor 0; Istanbulspor 1 Trabzonspor 0.
Sep 22: Ankaragucu 1 Besiktas 5.
Sep 23: Adanaspor 1 Antalyaspor 1; Galatasaray 1 Istanbulspor 1; Gaziantepspor 4 Siirt Jet 0; Bursaspor 0 Samsunspor 2.
Sep 24: Denizlispor 0 Rizespor 0; Fenerbahce 3 Yozgatspor 1; Erzurumspor 1 Kocaelispor 0; Trabzonspor 2 Genclerbirligi 0.
Sep 29: Denizlispor 3 Samsunspor 1.
Sep 30: Istanbulspor 1 Erzurumspor 0; Genclerbirligi 1 Galatasaray 4; Kocaelispor 0 Bursaspor 0.
Oct 1: Besiktas 2 Gaziantepspor 4; Adanaspor 1 Rizespor 0; Siirt Jet 1 Trabzonspor 4; Antalyaspor 0 Fenerbahce 1; Yozgatspor 0 Ankaragucu 1.

TURKEY

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Galatasaray	7	5	1	1	20	5	16
Besiktas	7	5	1	1	18	8	16
Trabzonspor	7	5	1	1	14	6	16
Fenerbahce	7	5	0	2	15	9	15
Gaziantepspor	7	4	2	1	17	8	14
Genclerbirligi	7	4	1	2	10	9	13
Antalyaspor	7	3	2	2	10	7	11
Samsunspor	7	3	2	2	11	11	11
Ankaragucu	7	3	1	3	8	12	10
Adanaspor	7	2	3	2	12	10	9
Yozgatspor	7	2	2	3	7	8	8
Denizlispor	7	2	2	3	8	10	8
Istanbulspor	7	2	2	3	4	11	8
Erzurumspor	7	2	1	4	10	16	7
Rizespor	7	1	3	3	5	7	6
Bursaspor	7	0	3	4	5	15	3
Siirt Jet	7	0	2	5	9	20	2
Kocaelispor	7	0	1	6	3	14	1

UKRAINE

Aug 29: Vorskla 0 Tavriya 0.
Sep 7: Dnipro 1 Shakhtar 4.
Sep 8: Dynamo 2 Stal 0.
Sep 9: Metalurh M 2 Metalist 1; Metalurh Z 2 Nyva 0; Tavriya 3 Kryvbas 0; Karpaty 1 CSKA 0; Vorskla 0 Metalurh D 2.
Oct 1: Metalurh D 0 Tavriya 0; Stal 1 Metalurh Z 2; Shakhtar 1 Dynamo 1; Metalist 0 Dnipro 1; Nyva 5 Karpaty 2.
Oct 3: Kryvbas 0 Metalurh M 0.

UKRAINE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Dynamo	9	6	2	1	19	9	20
Dnipro	10	6	2	2	11	8	20
Shakhtar	8	6	1	1	26	7	19
Metalurh D	9	5	2	2	11	9	17
Karpaty	10	5	0	5	17	14	15
Tavriya	9	4	3	2	12	9	15
Metalurh M	10	4	3	3	11	11	15
CSKA	9	3	4	2	10	7	13
Metalurh Z	10	4	1	5	12	16	13
Metalist	10	3	3	4	9	15	12
Kryvbas	9	3	2	4	10	11	11
Nyva	10	2	3	5	12	20	9
Stal	10	1	1	8	7	19	4
Vorskla	9	0	1	8	2	14	1

YUGOSLAVIA

Sep 9: Sartid 1 Radnicki N 1; Buducnost 2 Hajduk R 0; Radnicki K 1 Partizan 3; Napredak 1 Zemun 1; Zeleznik 0 OFK 0; Milicionar 0 Vojvodina 2; Red Star 3 Sutjeska 1; Zeta 3 Rad 0.
Sep 10: Cukaricki 0 Obilic 1.
Sep 16: Rad 3 Cukaricki 1; Sutjeska 2 Zeta 1; OFK 1 Milicionar 3; Zemun 3 Zeleznik 2; Hajduk R 3 Radnicki K 1; Radnicki N 1 Buducnost 0; Obilic 1 Sartid 0.
Sep 17: Partizan 4 Napredak 0; Vojvodina 0 Red Star 2.
Sep 23: Cukaricki 2 Sartid 0; Radnicki K 1 Radnicki N 0; Napredak 1 Hajduk R 3; Zeleznik 3 Partizan 2; Milicionar 1 Zemun 1; Zeta 0 Vojvodina 0; Rad 3 Sutjeska 2; Buducnost 2 Obilic 0; Red Star 4 OFK 0.
Sep 30: Sutjeska 1 Cukaricki 4; OFK 0 Zeta 0; Hajduk R 6 Zeleznik 0; Obilic 3 Radnicki K 0; Vojvodina 1 Rad 1; Sartid 2 Buducnost 0.
Oct 1: Zemun 1 Red Star 1; Partizan 1 Milicionar 0; Radnicki N 1 Napredak 1.

YUGOSLAVIA

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Red Star	7	6	1	0	17	3	19
Partizan	7	5	0	2	17	7	15
Obilic	7	5	0	2	9	7	15
Hajduk R	7	4	1	2	18	6	13
Vojvodina	7	3	2	2	9	4	11
Cukaricki	7	3	1	3	12	10	10
Zemun	7	2	4	1	7	6	10
Zeleznik	7	3	1	3	9	12	10
Sartid	7	3	1	3	7	11	10
Zeta	7	2	3	2	10	7	9
OFK	7	2	2	3	6	8	8
Milicionar	7	2	2	3	6	9	8
Buducnost	7	2	1	4	4	7	7
Rad	7	2	1	4	8	13	7
Sutjeska	7	2	1	4	8	14	7
Radnicki N	7	1	3	3	6	8	6
Radnicki K	7	2	0	5	4	15	6
Napredak	7	1	2	4	4	14	5

WORLDSERVICE

SOUTH AMERICA

ARGENTINA

OPENING CHAMPIONSHIP

Tuesday, September 5

Argentinos Juniors 0
Newell's Old Boys 1 (Gigena 11)

Los Andes 1 (Caiafa 85)
Huracan 0

San Lorenzo 2 (Romeo 52, Abreu 75)
Almagro 0

Talleres Cordoba 3 (Unali 17, Garay 80, Rueda 89)
Lanus 0

Wednesday, September 6

Boca Juniors 1 (Gustavo Barros Schelotto 4)
Racing Club 1 (Neira 19)

Chacarita Juniors 2 (Adippe 37, Rosada 60)
Belgrano Cordoba 2 (Lujambio 80, Torres 88)

Estudiantes 2 (Farias 41, Azconzabal 49)
Colon Santa Fe 0

Independiente 0
River Plate 1 (Angel 78)

Rosario Central 2 (Canals pen 67, 'Vitamina' 75)
Velez Sarsfield 2 (Muller 37, 77)

Union Santa Fe 0
Gimnasia LP 2 (Pereyra 15, Sava 54)

Saturday, September 9

Belgrano Cordoba 1 (Battaglia og 89)
Boca Juniors 3 (Palermo 65, Gustavo Barros Schelotto 88, Delgado 90)

Sunday, September 10

Gimnasia LP 3 (Messera 10, Pereyra pen 77, Sava 88)
Estudiantes 2 (Azconzabal 8, Osorio 28)

Huracan 2 (Morquio 15, Gabrich 75)
San Lorenzo 1 (Romeo 40)

Lanus 6 (Capria pen 24, 45, Lopez 64, Fernandez 66, Klimowicz 78, 86)
Los Andes 0

Newell's Old Boys 0
Union Santa Fe 0

River Plate 4 (Angel 6, 52, Ortega 34, Cardetti 83)
Talleres Cordoba 1 (Cuenca pen 59)

Velez Sarsfield 1 (Husain 79)
Independiente 1 (Rambert 80)

Monday, September 11

Almagro 0
Chacarita Juniors 1 (Moreno pen 27)

Colon Santa Fe 1 (Biaggio 67)
Rosario Central 0

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[illegible] Santa Fe 2 (Tilger 25, 89)
[illegible] Club 0

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[illegible]doba 1 (Franco 90)
[illegible]ld 0

[illegible]tember 17

[illegible]ors 1 (Bustos 30)
[illegible] 1 (Mugnaini 89)

[illegible]lermo pen 19, Delgado 23)

Chacarita Juniors 1 (Carrario 69)
Huracan 2 (Gabrich 54, Morquio pen 79)

Gimnasia LP 4 (Pereyra pen 50, Sava 70, 75, Messera 81)
Newell's Old Boys 3 (Gigena 23, Manso 27, Vojvoda 73)

Independiente 2 (Garnero pen 51, Forlan 53)
Colon Santa Fe 1 (Graf 63)

Los Andes 0
River Plate 4 (Trotta pen 48, Angel 53, Almar 80, Gancedo 90)

San Lorenzo 4 (Abreu 2, pen 17, Romeo 49, 61)
Lanus 2 (Klimowicz 20, 25)

Monday, September 18

Rosario Central 2 (Vespa 53, Macaratesi 60)
Estudiantes 3 (Farias 3, pen 28, 76)

Friday, September 22

Racing Club 0
Gimnasia LP 2 (Sava 27, Fernandez 42)

Saturday, September 23

Rosario Central 1 (Gonzalez 70)
Independiente 1 (Cambiasso 65)

Sunday, September 24

Colon Santa Fe 4 (Graf 11, Valencia 49, Morant 74, Biaggio 90)
Talleres Cordoba 2 (Albornos 52, Astudillo 79)

Huracan 0
Boca Juniors 1 (Palermo 32)

Lanus 0
Chacarita Juniors 1 (Furios 55)

River Plate 2 (Saviola 33, Angel 61)
San Lorenzo 2 (Franco 48, 56)

Velez Sarsfield 3 (Chilavert 17, Husain 70, Muller 88)
Los Andes 1 (Maggiolo 33)

Monday, September 25

Almagro 0
Argentinos Juniors 0

Belgrano Cordoba 1 (Torres 7)
Union Santa Fe 1 (Tilger 28)

Friday, September 29

Boca Juniors 3 (Delgado 4, Serna 13, Palermo 70)
Lanus 2 (Klimowicz 25, Capria 74)

Saturday, September 30

Newell's Old Boys 1 (Real 56)
Racing Club 1 (Lux 32)

Sunday, October 1

Argentinos Juniors 1 (Insua 19)
Huracan 1 (Juarez 37)

Chacarita Juniors 1 (Moreno 40)
River Plate 0

Gimnasia LP 2 (Gomez 18, Sava 86)
Belgrano Cordoba 2 (Artime 44, Mugnaini 65)

Independiente 0
Estudiantes 1 (Pompei 10)

San Lorenzo 0
Velez Sarsfield 1 (Morigi 2)

Talleres Cordoba 2 (Astudillo 4, Rueda 19)
Rosario Central 0

Union Santa Fe 3 (Rios 14, 52, Donnet 62)
Almagro 0

Monday, October 2

Los Andes 0
Colon Santa Fe 1 (Gigena 10)

Friday, October 6

Racing Club 0
Argentinos Juniors 0
First 47 minutes played on September 8

ARGENTINA – OPENING

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Boca Juniors	9	7	2	0	22	9	23
River Plate	9	6	2	1	20	8	20
Gimnasia LP	9	5	3	1	19	14	18
Talleres Cordoba	9	5	2	2	15	10	17
San Lorenzo	9	5	1	3	16	9	16
Huracan	9	4	3	2	12	8	15
Estudiantes	8	4	3	1	11	7	15
Colon Santa Fe	9	4	2	3	12	10	14
Velez Sarsfield	9	3	4	2	10	8	13
Newell's OB	8	3	3	2	10	9	12
Chacarita Juniors	9	3	3	3	6	8	12
Argentinos Jnrs	9	1	6	2	8	9	9
Union Santa Fe	9	2	3	4	7	10	9
Los Andes	9	2	3	4	9	20	9
Lanus	9	2	1	6	13	16	7
Belgrano Cordoba	9	0	7	2	10	13	7
Independiente	9	1	4	4	6	10	7
Rosario Central	9	0	4	5	9	18	4
Almagro	9	0	4	5	4	13	4
Racing Club	9	0	4	5	4	14	4

LEADING GOALSCORERS

9	Martin Palermo (Boca Juniors)
8	Juan Pablo Angel (River Plate)
7	Facundo Sava (Gimnasia LP)
6	Sebastian Abreu (San Lorenzo)
6	Diego Klimowicz (Lanus)

BOLIVIA

CLOSING CHAMPIONSHIP

Sep 5: Blooming 3 Independiente 0.
Sep 6: Bolivar 0 Mariscal Braun 2; Real Potosi 3 Guabira 1; Santa Cruz 4 The Strongest 2; Union Central 2 Oriente 2; Jorge Wilstermann 3 Atletico Pompeya 0.
Sep 9: Mariscal Braun 3 Jorge Wilstermann 1.
Sep 10: Atletico Pompeya 0 Union Central 2; Guabira 3 Santa Cruz 0; Independiente 0 Real Potosi 0; Oriente 3 Blooming 1; The Strongest 2 Bolivar 0.
Sep 17: Atletico Pompeya 1 Oriente 3; Bolivar 2 Guabira 0; Real Potosi 2 Blooming 1; Santa Cruz 4 Independiente 1; Union Central 2 Mariscal Braun 0; Jorge Wilstermann 2 The Strongest 0.
Sep 20: Guabira 2 Jorge Wilstermann 0; Independiente 1 Bolivar 0; Mariscal Braun 2 Atletico Pompeya 0; Oriente 1 Real Potosi 0.
Sep 21: Blooming 2 Santa Cruz 0; The Strongest 3 Union Central 0.
Sep 23: Mariscal Braun 3 Oriente 1.
Sep 24: Atletico Pompeya 2 The Strongest 1; Bolivar 5 Blooming 0; Santa Cruz 2 Real Potosi 1; Union Central 1 Guabira 0; Jorge Wilstermann 3 Independiente 1.

BOLIVIA – CLOSING

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Union Central	8	5	2	1	12	7	17
Guabira	8	5	0	3	19	10	15
Mariscal Braun	8	5	0	3	15	9	15
Oriente	8	4	2	2	17	13	14
J Wilstermann	8	4	1	3	15	13	13
The Strongest	8	4	0	4	14	14	12
Santa Cruz	8	4	0	4	14	15	12
Blooming	8	4	0	4	11	13	12
Real Potosi	8	3	1	4	8	9	10
Atletico Pompeya	8	3	0	5	7	13	9
Bolivar	8	2	1	5	11	12	7
Independiente	8	1	1	6	10	25	4

BRAZIL

JOAO HAVELANGE CUP

Blue Group (First Division)

Sep 5: Cruzeiro 1 Internacional 1; Vasco da Gama 2 Atletico Paranaense 2.
Sep 6: Fluminense 2 Portuguesa 1; Gama 1 Santa Cruz 1; Juventude 2 Coritiba 1; America MG 5 Botafogo (Rio) 2.
Sep 7: Atletico Mineiro 3 Corinthians 1; Ponte Preta 2 Vitoria 1; Gremio 1 Sport Recife 0.
Sep 9: Sao Paulo 2 Fluminense 0; Santa Cruz 0 Santos 1; Sport Recife 1 Guarani 1; Goias 2 America MG 0.
Sep 10: Corinthians 1 Vitoria 1; Portuguesa 2 Atletico Mineiro 1; Cruzeiro 2 Gama 1; Coritiba 2 Ponte Preta 0; Flamengo 0 Palmeiras 0; Bahia 3 Vasco da Gama 1; Juventude 4 Gremio 3.
Sep 13: Gama 2 Palmeiras 0; Portuguesa 3 Bahia 1; Sport Recife 4 Atletico Paranaense 1; Vasco da Gama 4 Fluminense 3; Vitoria 3 Coritiba 1; Cruzeiro 4 Botafogo (Rio) 0; Ponte Preta 3 Sao Paulo 3.
Sep 14: Flamengo 3 Goias 1; Gremio 2 America MG 1.
Sep 16: Atletico Mineiro 2 Fluminense 2; Internacional 1 Santos 1; Vitoria 1 Gama 1; Atletico Paranaense 0 Juventude 1; Botafogo (Rio) 3 Ponte Preta 1.
Sep 17: Sao Paulo 2 Portuguesa 0; America MG 1 Santa Cruz 0; Palmeiras 1 Sport Recife 1; Gremio 0 Cruzeiro 0; Bahia 4 Flamengo 1; Coritiba 1 Corinthians 1; Guarani 0 Goias 0.
Sep 20: Juventude 0 Gama 2; Ponte Preta 3 Portuguesa 1; Santos 2 Atletico Paranaense 1; Sport Recife 3 Bahia 0; Vasco da Gama 4 America MG 0.
Sep 23: Flamengo 3 Santos 0; America MG 1 Internacional 1; Gremio 1 Vitoria 0; Guarani 2 Coritiba 0.
Sep 24: Portuguesa 1 Sport Recife 0; Corinthians 1 Ponte Preta 0; Gama 1 Sao Paulo 3; Goias 2 Cruzeiro 0; Fluminense 0 Palmeiras 1; Juventude 1 Vasco da Gama 2; Santa Cruz 1 Atletico Mineiro 2.
Sep 27: Botafogo 0 Vitoria 0; Ponte Preta 3 Sport Recife 0; Portuguesa 2 Guarani 3; Santa Cruz 2 Juventude 1; Sao Paulo 3 America MG 0.
Sep 28: Corinthians 2 Atletico Paranaense 3.
Sep 30: America MG 3 Juventude 0; Gama 2 Flamengo 4; Goias 2 Sao Paulo 2; Atletico Mineiro 2 Cruzeiro 4; Coritiba 1 Gremio 2; Sport Recife 3 Fluminense 2.
Oct 4: America MG 1 Portuguesa 1; Atletico Paranaense 0 Guarani 1; Botafogo 2 Juventude 1; Gama 2 Santos 1; Palmeiras 2 Coritiba 1; Sao Paulo 1 Gremio 1; Vasco da Gama 4 Atletico Mineiro 0; Santa Cruz 0 Sport Recife 3; Bahia 1 Vitoria 0; Ponte Preta 2 Flamengo 0.

BRAZIL – J HAVELANGE CUP: BLUE GP

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Sao Paulo	14	7	6	1	29	16	27
Goias	15	7	5	3	24	17	26
Vasco da Gama	13	7	4	2	27	18	25
Ponte Preta	14	7	3	4	27	19	24
Cruzeiro	14	6	6	2	25	17	24
Sport Recife	15	6	5	4	24	16	23
Flamengo	14	6	5	3	25	19	23
Santos	15	6	4	5	21	16	22
Fluminense	15	6	4	5	23	20	22
Bahia	14	6	4	4	19	19	22
At Paranaense	16	6	4	6	19	20	22
Vitoria	16	6	3	7	28	26	21
Gama	18	6	3	9	20	27	21
Gremio	13	5	4	4	15	17	19
Botafogo (Rio)	15	5	4	6	18	21	19
Portuguesa	15	5	3	7	19	24	18
Palmeiras	14	4	5	5	11	19	17
Juventude	15	4	4	7	16	24	16
America MG	15	4	4	7	15	23	16
Internacional	12	3	7	2	12	11	16
Corinthians	13	4	3	6	15	20	15
Guarani	14	3	6	5	10	11	15
At Mineiro	13	3	4	6	16	22	13
Santa Cruz	15	2	6	7	13	21	12
Coritiba	15	2	4	9	13	21	10

Top 12 qualify for next phase along with three teams from the Yellow Group (Second Division) and one from the Green/White Group (Third Division).

CHILE

Sep 9-10: Palestino 2 Audax Italiano 3; Huachipato 1 U Catolica 4; Santiago Morning 4 Colo Colo 3; Puerto Montt 3 Osorno 0; Cobreloa 2 Dep Concepcion 0; U de Chile 3 Union Espanola 0.
Sep 13: Everton 1 Santiago Wanderers 1.
Sep 16-17: Palestino 2 Dep Concepcion 1; U de Chile 2 Puerto Montt 0; Provincial Osorno 0 Colo Colo 1; Huachipato 2 Coquimbo Unido 0; Everton 2 Audax Italiano 1; Cobreloa 3 Union Espanola 0; O'Higgins 3 Santiago Wanderers 0; Santiago Morning 3 U Catolica 0.
Sep 23-24: Union Espanola 0 Palestino 0; Dep Concepcion 0 Everton 2; Coquimbo Unido 3 Santiago Morning 1; U Catolica 2 Provincial Osorno 1; Santiago Wanderers 1 Huachipato 0; Puerto Montt 2 Colo Colo 2; Audax Italiano 1 O'Higgins 0; U de Chile 3 Cobreloa 1.
Sep 30-Oct 1: Santiago Morning 0 Santiago Wanderers 0; Palestino 3 U de Chile 1; O'Higgins 3 Dep Concepcion 2; Everton 1 Union Espanola 1; Huachipato 2 Audax Italiano 1; Provincial Osorno 0 Coquimbo Unido 0; Cobreloa 6 Puerto Montt 1; Colo Colo 3 U Catolica 3.

CHILE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
U de Chile	18	12	3	3	41	16	39
Cobreloa	18	9	5	4	34	20	32
Colo Colo	18	8	8	2	39	27	32
U Catolica	18	9	5	4	38	26	32
Audax Italiano	18	9	2	7	24	19	29
Union Espanola	18	7	7	4	24	20	28
Sant Wanderers	18	7	6	5	27	30	27
Sant Morning	18	7	4	7	29	28	25
Dep Concepcion	18	5	6	7	14	18	21
Huachipato	18	5	5	8	25	29	20
O'Higgins	17	6	2	9	24	28	20
Palestino	18	5	4	9	23	31	19
Puerto Montt	18	5	4	9	26	35	19
Coquimbo Unido	17	5	4	8	18	30	19
Everton	18	3	7	8	22	35	16
Provincial Osorno	18	2	6	10	17	33	12

COLOMBIA

CLOSING CHAMPIONSHIP

Sep 3: Real Cartagena 1 Quindio 0.
Sep 6: Bucaramanga 1 Millonarios 1; Indep Medellin 1 At Huila 2; Once Caldas 0 America 1; Tolima 0 At Nacional 0; Tulua 1 Dep Pasto 4; Dep Cali 2 Envigado 3; Indep Santa Fe 0 At Junior 0.
Sep 10: Quindio 0 Millonarios 3; Indep Santa Fe 5 Bucaramanga 1; At Nacional 0 Once Caldas 3; At Huila 2 Real Cartagena 1; America 1 Dep Cali 1; Envigado 2 Indep Medellin 1; At Junior 2 Tulua 2.
Sep 14: Bucaramanga 1 Quindio 1; Millonarios 4 At Huila 0; Real Cartagena 2 Envigado 2; Once Caldas 3 Dep Pasto 1; Tolima 2 At Junior 3; Tulua 2 Indep Santa Fe 0.
Sep 16: America 2 Real Cartagena 1.
Sep 17: Envigado 0 Millonarios 2; Indep Santa Fe 2 Tolima 1; Dep Pasto 1 Dep Cali 2; At Junior 3 Once Caldas 1; Tulua 0 Bucaramanga 1; At Huila 1 Quindio 0; At Nacional 1 Indep Medellin 2.
Sep 24: Millonarios 3 America 2; Once Caldas 0 Indep Santa Fe 1; Dep Cali 2 At Junior 2; Indep Medellin 1 Dep Pasto 1; Quindio 4 Envigado 3; Real Cartagena 1 At Nacional 2; Tolima 1 Tulua 0.
Sep 27: Dep Pasto 1 Tolima 1; Dep Cali 4 At Nacional 2; Bucaramanga 3 At Huila 2.
Sep 30: Envigado 2 At Huila 0; Tulua 1 Once Caldas 3.
Oct 1: Indep Santa Fe 2 Dep Cali 1; Tolima 1 Bucaramanga 0; At Junior 1 Medellin 0; At Nacional 3 Millonarios 2; America 3 Quindio 1; Dep Pasto 2 Real Cartagena 0.

COLOMBIA – CLOSING

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
America	14	9	3	2	24	13	30
Indep Santa Fe	15	9	3	3	19	11	30
At Junior	15	8	5	2	29	17	29
Millonarios	15	6	6	3	23	17	24
Envigado	15	6	4	5	22	22	22
Once Caldas	15	6	3	6	21	15	21
Tolima	15	6	3	6	21	18	21
Quindio	15	6	2	7	21	25	20
At Huila	15	6	1	8	19	27	19
At Nacional	15	5	3	7	19	21	18
Real Cartagena	15	4	6	5	16	18	18
Bucaramanga	15	4	5	6	15	21	17
Indep Medellin	14	4	4	6	15	19	16
Dep Pasto	15	3	6	6	16	18	15
Dep Cali	15	3	5	7	21	26	14
Tulua	15	3	4	8	17	30	13

ECUADOR

CLOSING CHAMPIONSHIP

Aug 20: Espoli 0 El Nacional 2; Barcelona 1 Olmedo 0; LDU 2 Macara 0; Tecnico Univ 2 Aucas 2; Dep Quito 2 Emelec 1.
Aug 27: Aucas 0 Espoli 0; Emelec 1 Barcelona 0; El Nacional 2 LDU 2; Macara 2 Dep Quito 0; Olmedo 1 Tecnico Univ 0.
Sep 10: Barcelona 7 Tecnico Univ 0; Espoli 0 Olmedo 0; Macara 2 Emelec 2; LDU 0 Aucas 2; Dep Quito 2 El Nacional 2.
Sep 16: El Nacional 2 Dep Quito 1.
Sep 17: Emelec 4 Macara 2; Tecnico Univ 1 Barcelona 1; Olmedo 0 Espoli 3; Aucas 1 LDU 1.
Sep 24: Barcelona 1 Emelec 1; Espoli 4 Aucas 1; LDU 2 El Nacional 4; Tecnico Univ 2 Olmedo 1; Dep Quito 0 Macara 1.
Sep 29: El Nacional 2 Espoli 3.
Sep 30: Macara 0 LDU 1.
Oct 1: Emelec 4 Dep Quito 3; Olmedo 0 Barcelona 0; Aucas 5 Tecnico Univ 1.

ECUADOR – CLOSING

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Espoli	12	6	3	3	17	8	21
Emelec	12	6	2	4	23	16	20
El Nacional	12	6	2	4	25	19	20
Barcelona	12	5	4	3	18	11	19
Macara	12	5	2	5	17	17	17
Olmedo	12	5	2	5	10	13	17
Aucas	12	4	4	4	17	18	16
LDU	12	4	3	5	12	16	15
Dep Quito	12	4	2	6	17	19	14
Tecnico Univ	12	2	2	8	12	31	8

PERU

CLOSING CHAMPIONSHIP

Sep 2: Alianza Lima 4 Melgar 1; Juan Aurich 0 Cienciano 0.
Sep 6: Alianza Atletico 2 Sport Boys 1; Sporting Cristal 4 Union Minas 2; Dep UPAO 0 Dep Municipal 0.
Sep 8: Universitario 6 Dep Wanka 2.
Sep 10: Sport Boys 2 Juan Aurich 1; Sporting Cristal 1 Alianza Lima 1; Union Minas 4 Dep UPAO 0; Dep Wanka 2 Alianza Atletico 0; Cienciano 5 Melgar 2.
Sep 13: Dep Municipal 1 Universitario 2.
Sep 17: Alianza Atletico 3 Dep Municipal 2; Union Minas 2 Universitario 1; Juan Aurich 1 Dep Wanka 1; Melgar 2 Sport Boys 1; Cienciano 3 Sporting Cristal 1; Dep UPAO 1 Alianza Lima 5.
Sep 23: Alianza Lima 0 Dep Municipal 0; Sport Boys 4 Dep UPAO 0.
Sep 24: Sporting Cristal 2 Universitario 2; Union Minas 3 Juan Aurich 1; Melgar 3 Alianza Atletico 1; Dep Wanka 2 Cienciano 0.
Sep 30-Oct 1: Alianza Atletico 3 Alianza Lima 2; Dep Municipal 0 Sport Boys 0; Juan Aurich 1 Universitario 2; Dep UPAO 0 Melgar 2; Union Minas 1 Cienciano 1; Sporting Cristal 1 Dep Wanka 0.

PERU – CLOSING

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Sporting Cristal	11	7	3	1	18	12	24
Universitario	11	7	2	2	25	13	23
Cienciano	11	5	4	2	21	10	19
Union Minas	11	5	3	3	17	18	18
Alianza Atletico	11	5	2	4	21	20	17
Alianza Lima	11	4	4	3	22	12	16
Melgar	11	5	0	6	18	17	15
Dep Wanka	11	4	2	5	14	19	14
Sport Boys	11	3	4	4	16	14	13
Juan Aurich	11	2	4	5	11	17	10
Dep Municipal	11	1	4	6	9	17	7
Dep UPAO	11	1	2	8	4	27	5

URUGUAY

CLOSING CHAMPIONSHIP

Sep 9: Nacional 4 Huracan Buceo 1.
Sep 10: Defensor 0 Penarol 0; Bella Vista M 2 Rentistas 2; Juventud 1 Frontera Rivera 3; Tacuarembo 2 Rocha 1; Racing 2 Bella Vista P 2; Cerro 1 Danubio 1.
Sep 13: Liverpool 1 River Plate 1.
Sep 15: Bella Vista P 1 Tacuarembo 1.
Sep 16: Bella Vista M 2 Penarol 2.
Sep 17: Cerro 1 Nacional 2; Rocha 1 Defensor 5; Rentistas 0 Dep Maldonado 0; Huracan Buceo 1 Liverpool 2; River Plate 2 Racing 4; Danubio 3 Frontera Rivera 1.
Sep 22: Dep Maldonado 0 Penarol 3.
Sep 24: Rocha 0 Nacional 1; Defensor 0 Danubio 0; Bella Vista P 2 River Plate 2; Rentistas 2 Cerro 4; Huracan Buceo 2 Bella Vista M 1; Racing 3 Frontera Rivera 1; Juventud 0 Liverpool 0.
Sep 29: Dep Maldonado 2 River Plate 4.
Sep 30: Juventud 1 Nacional 2.
Oct 1: Cerro 1 Bella Vista M 0; Penarol 1 Bella Vista P 0; Racing 0 Rentistas 1; Danubio 2 Huracan Buceo 1; Tacuarembo 1 Defensor 2.

URUGUAY – CLOSING

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Defensor	9	6	3	0	21	7	21
Nacional	9	6	3	0	16	7	21
Penarol	8	6	2	0	16	5	20
Danubio	9	4	4	1	16	7	16
Racing	9	3	4	2	11	8	13
Tacuarembo	8	4	1	3	10	7	13
River Plate	8	3	3	2	17	13	12
Cerro	9	3	3	3	11	12	12
Rentistas	8	2	4	2	8	9	10
Bella Vista M	8	2	3	3	12	12	9
Dep Maldonado	8	2	2	4	11	13	8
Bella Vista P	8	1	4	3	9	13	7
Huracan Buceo	9	1	4	4	8	14	7
Frontera Rivera	8	2	1	5	9	17	7
Liverpool	8	1	3	4	5	12	6
Juventud	8	1	2	5	5	12	5
Rocha	8	1	0	7	7	21	3

CENTRAL & NORTH AMERICA

MEXICO

WINTER CHAMPIONSHIP

Sep 8: Atlante 2 Santos 2.
Sep 9: Tigres 1 Irapuato 1; Tecos UAG 3 Toluca 1; Atletico Celaya 2 Necaxa 1; Puebla 2 Cruz Azul 4.
Sep 10: Atletico Morelia 3 Atlas 1; Pumas UNAM 0 Monterrey 0; Pachuca 2 Leon 1; America 0 Guadalajara 3.
Sep 16: Toluca 1 Atlante 0; Monterrey 3 Atletico Celaya 1; Cruz Azul 1 America 0; Irapuato 1 Pumas UNAM 4; Atlas 1 Pachuca 1.
Sep 17: Guadalajara 0 Tigres 1; Leon 4 Puebla 1; Necaxa 3 Tecos UAG 1; Santos 3 Atletico Morelia 1.
Sep 23: Atlante 1 Necaxa 4; Tigres 1 Cruz Azul 0; Tecos UAG 2 Monterrey 1; Atletico Celaya 1 Irapuato 1; Puebla 0 Pachuca 2.
Sep 24: Pumas UNAM 0 Guadalajara 0; Atletico Morelia 1 Toluca 0; Santos 2 Atlas 1; America 5 Leon 1.
Sep 30: Toluca 0 Santos 0; Cruz Azul 3 Pumas UNAM 1; Monterrey 3 Atlante 3; Irapuato 4 Tecos UAG 5; Atlas 3 Puebla 3.
Oct 1: Guadalajara 1 Atletico Celaya 3; Pachuca 0 America 1; Leon 2 Tigres 2; Necaxa 1 Atletico Morelia 1.

GROUP 1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Toluca	10	6	1	3	17	12	19
Atletico Morelia	10	5	3	2	17	12	18
Cruz Azul	10	5	1	4	17	12	16
Leon	10	3	3	4	16	19	12
Atlante	10	1	6	3	16	17	9

GROUP 2

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Tigres	10	5	2	3	12	11	17
Atlas	10	3	4	3	17	16	13
Irapuato	10	3	4	3	14	15	13
Atletico Celaya	10	3	2	5	16	17	11
Pumas UNAM	10	2	3	5	13	18	9

GROUP 3

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Necaxa	10	5	2	3	19	13	17
Santos	10	5	2	3	17	14	17
Monterrey	10	4	3	3	15	14	15
Puebla	10	2	1	7	11	23	7

GROUP 4

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Pachuca	10	5	2	3	15	12	17
Tecos UAG	10	5	2	3	20	20	17
America	10	4	1	5	14	16	13
Guadalajara	10	2	2	6	7	13	8

LEADING GOALSCORERS
11 Jared Borguetti (Santos)
7 Armando Gonzalez (Atletico Celaya)
7 Angel Morales (Cruz Azul)

USA

CHAMPIONSHIP PLAY-OFFS – QUARTER-FINALS (best of three)

Sep 14: Tampa Bay Mutiny 0 LA Galaxy 1.
Sep 20: LA Galaxy 5 Tampa Bay Mutiny 2.
LA Galaxy took series 2-0.

Sep 15: MetroStars 2 Dallas Burn 1 (aet).
Sep 20: Dallas Burn 1 MetroStars 2.
MetroStars took series 2-0.

Sep 15: Chicago Fire 2 New England Revolution 1.
Sep 19: New England Revolution 2 Chicago Fire 1.
Sep 22: Chicago Fire 6 New England Revolution 0.
Chicago Fire took series 2-1.

Sep 16: Kansas City Wizards 1 Colorado Rapids 0.
Sep 20: Colorado Rapids 0 Kansas City Wizards 0 (aet).
Sep 24: Kansas City Wizards 3 Colorado Rapids 2.
Kansas City Wizards took series 2-0.

SEMI-FINALS (best of three)

Sep 26: Chicago Fire 3 MetroStars 0.
Sep 30: MetroStars 2 Chicago Fire 0.
Oct 6: Chicago Fire 3 MetroStars 2.
Chicago Fire took series 2-1.

Sep 29: Kansas City Wizards 0 LA Galaxy 0 (aet).
Oct 3: LA Galaxy 2 Kansas City Wizards 1 (aet).
Oct 6: Kansas City Wizards 1 LA Galaxy 0.
Series drawn. Kansas City scored golden goal in special extra time period played after third tie to through.

WORLD CUP 2002 QUALIFYING

AFRICA

5 teams qualify

FIRST ROUND

07.04.00.....Djibouti-DR Congo 1-1
23.04.00.....DR Congo-Djibouti 9-1
.....*DR Congo 10-2 on agg*
07.04.00.....Mauritania-Tunisia 1-2
22.04.00.....Tunisia-Mauritania 3-0
.....*Tunisia 5-1 on agg*
08.04.00.....Botswana-Zambia 0-1
22.04.00.....Zambia-Botswana 1-0
.....*Zambia 2-0 on agg*
08.04.00.....Guinea-Bissau-Togo 0-0
23.04.00.....Togo-Guinea-Bissau 3-0
.....*Togo 3-0 on agg*
08.04.00.....Madagascar-Gabon 2-0
22.04.00.....Gabon-Madagascar 1-0
.....*Madagascar 2-1 on agg*
08.04.00.....Malawi-Kenya.....2-0
22.04.00.....Kenya-Malawi.....0-0
.....*2nd leg abandoned after 88mins – .....*
.....*result stood. Malawi 2-0 on agg*
08.04.00.....Sao Tome e Principe-Sierra Leone.2-0
22.04.00.....Sierra Leone-Sao Tome e Principe.4-0
.....*Sierra Leone 4-2 on agg*
08.04.00.....Seychelles-Namibia.....1-1
22.04.00.....Namibia-Seychelles.....3-0
.....*Namibia 4-1 on agg*
08.04.00.....Tanzania-Ghana 0-1
23.04.00.....Ghana-Tanzania 3-2
.....*Ghana 4-2 on agg*
08.04.00.....Uganda-Guinea.....4-4
23.04.00.....Guinea-Uganda.....3-0
.....*Guinea 7-4 on agg*
09.04.00.....Benin-Senegal 1-1
23.04.00.....Senegal-Benin 1-0
.....*Senegal 2-1 on agg*
09.04.00.....Cape Verde Islands-Algeria 0-0
21.04.00.....Algeria-Cape Verde Islands 2-0
.....*Algeria 2-0 on agg*
09.04.00.....Central African Rep-Zimbabwe 0-1
23.04.00.....Zimbabwe-Central African Rep 3-1
.....*Zimbabwe 4-1 on agg*
09.04.00.....Chad-Liberia.....0-1
23.04.00.....Liberia-Chad.....0-0
.....*Liberia 1-0 on agg*
09.04.00.....Equatorial Guinea-Congo.....1-3
23.04.00.....Congo-Equatorial Guinea.....2-1
.....*Congo 5-2 on agg*
09.04.00.....Eritrea-Nigeria 0-0
22.04.00.....Nigeria-Eritrea 4-0
.....*Nigeria 4-0 on agg*
09.04.00.....Ethiopia-Burkina Faso 2-1
23.04.00.....Burkina Faso-Ethiopia 3-0
.....*Burkina Faso 4-2 on agg*
09.04.00.....Gambia-Morocco 0-1
22.04.00.....Morocco-Gambia 2-0
.....*Morocco 3-0 on agg*
09.04.00.....Lesotho-South Africa.....0-2
22.04.00.....South Africa-Lesotho.....1-0
.....*South Africa 3-0 on agg*
09.04.00.....Libya-Mali.....3-0
23.04.00.....Mali-Libya.....3-1
.....*Libya 4-3 on agg*
09.04.00.....Rwanda-Ivory Coast 2-2
23.04.00.....Ivory Coast-Rwanda 2-0
.....*Ivory Coast 4-2 on agg*
[illegible]04.00.....Sudan-Mozambique 1-0
[illegible]1.00.....Mozambique-Sudan 2-1
.....*Agg 2-2. Sudan on away goals*
[illegible]0.....Swaziland-Angola.....0-1
.....Angola-Swaziland.....7-1
.....*Angola 8-1 on agg*
[illegible]*Somalia-Cameroon 0-3
[illegible]Cameroon-Somalia.....3-0
[illegible]*ameroon 6-0 on agg*
[illegible]Mauritius-Egypt 0-2
[illegible]pt-Mauritius 4-2
[illegible]*t 6-2 on agg*

[illegible] *for second round.*
[illegible]*ritius forfeited the right to stage [illegible]e.*

SECOND ROUND

Group A: Angola, Cameroon, Libya, Togo, Zambia.

18.06.00 .....Angola-Zambia 2-1
18.06.00 .....Libya-Cameroon 0-3
08.07.00 .....Zambia-Togo 2-0
09.07.00 .....Cameroon-Angola 3-0
28.01.01 .....Angola-Libya
28.01.01 .....Togo-Cameroon
25.02.01 .....Cameroon-Zambia
25.02.01 .....Libya-Togo
10.03.01 .....Zambia-Libya
11.03.01 .....Togo-Angola
21.04.01 .....Zambia-Angola
22.04.01 .....Cameroon-Libya
06.05.01 .....Angola-Cameroon
06.05.01 .....Togo-Zambia
01.07.01 .....Cameroon-Togo
01.07.01 .....Libya-Angola
14.07.01 .....Zambia-Cameroon
15.07.01 .....Togo-Libya
29.07.01 .....Angola-Togo
29.07.01 .....Libya-Zambia

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Cameroon	2	2	0	0	6	0	6
Zambia	2	1	0	1	3	2	3
Angola	2	1	0	1	2	4	3
Togo	1	0	0	1	0	2	0
Libya	1	0	0	1	0	3	0

Group B: Ghana, Liberia, Nigeria, Sierra Leone, Sudan.

17.06.00 .....Nigeria-Sierra Leone 2-0
18.06.00 .....Sudan-Liberia.....2-0
09.07.00 .....Ghana-Sierra Leone 5-0
09.07.00 .....Liberia-Nigeria.....2-1
27.01.01 .....Ghana-Liberia
27.01.01 .....Nigeria-Sudan
25.02.01 .....Liberia-Sierra Leone
25.02.01 .....Sudan-Ghana
10.03.01 .....Ghana-Nigeria
10.03.01 .....Sierra Leone-Sudan
21.04.01 .....Sierra Leone-Nigeria
22.04.01 .....Liberia-Sudan
05.05.01 .....Sierra Leone-Ghana
05.05.01 .....Nigeria-Liberia
01.07.01 .....Liberia-Ghana
01.07.01 .....Sudan-Nigeria
14.07.01 .....Ghana-Sudan
14.07.01 .....Sierra Leone-Liberia
28.07.01 .....Nigeria-Ghana
29.07.01 .....Sudan-Sierra Leone

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Ghana	1	1	0	0	5	0	3
Sudan	1	1	0	0	2	0	3
Nigeria	2	1	0	1	3	2	3
Liberia	2	1	0	1	2	3	3
Sierra Leone	2	0	0	2	0	7	0

Group C: Algeria, Egypt, Morocco, Namibia, Senegal.

16.06.00 .....Algeria-Senegal.....1-1
17.06.00 .....Namibia-Morocco.....0-0
09.07.00 .....Morocco-Algeria.....2-1
09.07.00 .....Senegal-Egypt.....0-0
26.01.01 .....Algeria-Namibia
26.01.01 .....Egypt-Morocco
24.02.01 .....Morocco-Senegal
24.02.01 .....Namibia-Egypt
09.03.01 .....Egypt-Algeria
11.03.01 .....Senegal-Namibia
21.04.01 .....Morocco-Namibia
22.04.01 .....Senegal-Algeria
04.05.01 .....Algeria-Morocco
04.05.01 .....Egypt-Senegal
30.06.01 .....Morocco-Egypt
30.06.01 .....Namibia-Algeria
13.07.01 .....Egypt-Namibia
15.07.01 .....Senegal-Morocco
27.07.01 .....Algeria-Egypt
27.07.01 .....Namibia-Senegal

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Morocco	2	1	1	0	2	1	4
Senegal	2	0	2	0	1	1	2
Egypt	1	0	1	0	0	0	1
Namibia	1	0	1	0	0	0	1
Algeria	2	0	1	1	2	3	1

Group D: Congo, DR Congo, Ivory Coast, Madagascar, Tunisia.

18.06.00 .....Ivory Coast-Tunisia.....2-2
18.06.00 .....Madagascar-DR Congo 3-0
08.07.00.....Tunisia-Madagascar.....1-0
09.07.00.....DR Congo-Congo 2-0
28.01.01.....Congo-Tunisia
28.01.01.....Madagascar-Ivory Coast
24.02.01.....Tunisia-DR Congo
25.02.01.....Ivory Coast-Congo
11.03.01.....Congo-Madagascar
11.03.01.....DR Congo-Ivory Coast
21.04.01.....Tunisia-Ivory Coast
22.04.01.....DR Congo-Madagascar
06.05.01.....Congo-DR Congo
06.05.01.....Madagascar-Tunisia
30.06.01.....Tunisia-Congo
01.07.01.....Ivory Coast-Madagascar
15.07.01.....Congo-Ivory Coast
15.07.01.....DR Congo-Tunisia
29.07.01.....Ivory Coast-DR Congo
29.07.01.....Madagascar-Congo

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Tunisia	2	1	1	0	3	2	4
Madagascar	2	1	0	1	3	1	3
DR Congo	2	1	0	1	2	3	3
Ivory Coast	1	0	1	0	2	2	1
Congo	1	0	0	1	0	2	0

Group E: Burkina Faso, Guinea, Malawi, South Africa, Zimbabwe.

17.06.00 .....Malawi-Burkina Faso 1-1
18.06.00 .....Guinea-Zimbabwe 3-0
09.07.00 .....Burkina Faso-Guinea.....2-3
09.07.00 .....Zimbabwe-South Africa.....abandoned
27.01.01 .....South Africa-Burkina Faso
28.01.01 .....Guinea-Malawi
24.02.01 .....Malawi-South Africa
25.02.01 .....Burkina Faso-Zimbabwe
10.03.01 .....South Africa-Guinea
11.03.01 .....Zimbabwe-Malawi
21.04.01 .....Burkina Faso-Malawi
22.04.01 .....Zimbabwe-Guinea
05.05.01 .....South Africa-Zimbabwe
06.05.01 .....Guinea-Burkina Faso
30.06.01 .....Malawi-Guinea
01.07.01 .....Burkina Faso-South Africa
14.07.01 .....South Africa-Malawi
15.07.01 .....Zimbabwe-Burkina Faso
28.07.01 .....Malawi-Zimbabwe
29.07.01 .....Guinea-South Africa

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Guinea	2	2	0	0	6	2	6
Malawi	1	0	1	0	1	1	1
Burkina Faso	2	0	1	1	3	4	1
South Africa	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Zimbabwe	1	0	0	1	0	3	0

The five group winners qualify for the finals.

ASIA

2 or 3 qualify, plus hosts Japan and South Korea

FIRST ROUND

Group 1

Oman, Syria, Laos, Philippines

21.04.01.....Laos-Syria
21.04.01.....Philippines-Oman
26.04.01.....Laos-Oman
26.04.01.....Philippines-Syria
04.05.01.....Oman-Philippines
04.05.01.....Syria-Laos
11.05.01.....Oman-Laos
11.05.01.....Syria-Philippines
18.05.01.....Syria-Oman
19.05.01.....Laos-Philippines
25.05.01.....Oman-Syria
26.05.01.....Philippines-Laos
Ties to be played home and away

Group 2

Iran, Tajikistan, Myanmar, Guam

24.11.00.....Iran-Guam
24.11.00.....Tajikistan-Myanmar
26.11.00.....Iran-Myanmar
26.11.00.....Tajikistan-Guam
28.11.00.....Iran-Tajikistan
28.11.00.....Myanmar-Guam
All ties to be played in Tehran

Group 3

Qatar, Malaysia, Hong Kong, Palestine

04.03.01.....Qatar-Malaysia
04.03.01.....Hong Kong-Palestine
08.03.01.....Palestine-Qatar
08.03.01.....Malaysia-Hong Kong
11.03.01.....Palestine-Malaysia
11.03.01.....Qatar-Hong Kong
Ties to be played in Hong Kong

20.03.01.....Hong Kong-Palestine
20.03.01.....Qatar-Malaysia
23.03.01.....Malaysia-Hong Kong
23.03.01.....Palestine-Qatar
25.03.01.....Palestine-Malaysia
25.03.01.....Qatar-Hong Kong
Ties to be played in Doha, Qatar

Group 4

Kuwait, Singapore, Bahrain, Kyrgyzstan

03.02.01.....Bahrain-Kuwait
03.02.01.....Singapore-Kyrgyzstan
06.02.01.....Bahrain-Kyrgyzstan
06.02.01.....Kuwait-Singapore
09.02.01.....Kyrgyzstan-Kuwait
09.02.01.....Singapore-Bahrain
Ties to be played in Singapore

21.02.01.....Bahrain-Kyrgyzstan
21.02.01.....Kuwait-Singapore
24.02.01.....Kuwait-Kyrgyzstan
24.02.01.....Bahrain-Singapore
27.02.01.....Kyrgyzstan-Singapore
27.02.01.....Kuwait-Bahrain
Ties to be played in Kuwait

Group 5

Thailand, Lebanon, Sri Lanka, Pakistan

13.05.01.....Lebanon-Pakistan
13.05.01.....Thailand-Sri Lanka
15.05.01.....Lebanon-Sri Lanka
15.05.01.....Thailand-Pakistan
17.05.01.....Lebanon-Thailand
17.05.01.....Pakistan-Sri Lanka
Ties to be played in Beirut

26.05.01.....Lebanon-Pakistan
26.05.01.....Thailand-Sri Lanka
28.05.01.....Lebanon-Sri Lanka
28.05.01.....Thailand-Pakistan
30.05.01.....Pakistan-Sri Lanka
30.05.01.....Thailand-Lebanon
Ties to be played in Bangkok

Group 6

Iraq, Kazakhstan, Nepal, Macao

25.03.01.....Iraq-Kazakhstan
25.03.01.....Macao-Nepal
27.03.01.....Macao-Iraq
27.03.01.....Kazakhstan-Nepal
29.03.01.....Macao-Kazakhstan
29.03.01.....Iraq-Nepal
All ties to be played in Kathmandu

Group 7

Uzbekistan, Jordan, Turkmenistan, Taiwan

23.04.01.....Turkmenistan-Jordan
23.04.01.....Uzbekistan-Taiwan
25.04.01.....Taiwan-Jordan
25.04.01.....Uzbekistan-Turkmenistan
27.04.01.....Taiwan-Turkmenistan
27.04.01.....Uzbekistan-Jordan
Ties to be played in Tashkent, Uzbekistan

03.05.01.....Jordan-Taiwan
03.05.01.....Turkmenistan-Uzbekistan
05.05.01.....Taiwan-Uzbekistan
05.05.01.....Jordan-Turkmenistan
07.05.01.....Turkmenistan-Taiwan
07.05.01.....Jordan-Uzbekistan
Ties to be played in Amman, Jordan

Group 8

United Arab Emirates, India, Yemen, Brunei

02.03.01.....Brunei-Yemen
03.03.01.....India-United Arab Emirates
09.03.01.....Brunei-United Arab Emirates
10.03.01.....India-Yemen
16.03.01.....United Arab Emirates-India
16.03.01.....Yemen-Brunei
23.03.01.....United Arab Emirates-Brunei
23.03.01.....Yemen-India
30.03.01.....Yemen-United Arab Emirates
31.03.01.....Brunei-India
06.04.01.....United Arab Emirates-Yemen
07.04.01.....India-Brunei
Ties to be played on a home and away basis

Group 9

China, Indonesia, Maldives, Cambodia

01.04.01.....Maldives-Cambodia
08.04.01.....Indonesia-Maldives
15.04.01.....Cambodia-Maldives
22.04.01.....China-Maldives
22.04.01.....Indonesia-Cambodia
26.04.01.....Maldives-China
29.04.01.....Cambodia-Indonesia
06.05.01.....Cambodia-China
06.05.01.....Maldives-Indonesia
13.05.01.....China-Indonesia
20.05.01.....China-Cambodia
27.05.01.....Indonesia-China
Ties to be played on a home and away basis

Group 10

Saudi Arabia, Vietnam, Bangladesh, Mongolia

08.02.01.....Vietnam-Bangladesh
08.02.01.....Saudi Arabia-Mongolia
10.02.01.....Mongolia-Vietnam
10.02.01.....Bangladesh-Saudi Arabia
12.02.01.....Mongolia-Bangladesh
12.02.01.....Saudi Arabia-Vietnam
15.02.01.....Saudi Arabia-Mongolia
15.02.01.....Bangladesh-Vietnam
17.02.01.....Vietnam-Mongolia
17.02.01.....Saudi Arabia-Bangladesh
19.02.01.....Mongolia-Bangladesh
19.02.01.....Saudi Arabia-Vietnam
All ties to be played in Saudi Arabia

The 10 group winners qualify for second round.

SECOND ROUND

The 10 first round group winners will be drawn into two groups of five, to be played on a round-robin basis. The two group winners qualify directly for the finals. The two runners-up play-off home and away, the winners going on to meet a European group runner-up in a play-off. The winners of that tie qualify for the finals.

EUROPE

13 or 14 teams qualify, plus holders France

Group 1

Yugoslavia, Russia, Switzerland, Slovenia, Luxembourg, Faroe Islands

02.09.00.....Switzerland-Russia.....0-1
03.09.00.....Faroe Islands-Slovenia.....2-2
03.09.00.....Luxembourg-Yugoslavia.....0-2
07.10.00.....Luxembourg-Slovenia.....1-2
07.10.00.....Switzerland-Faroe Islands.....5-1
07.10.00.....Yugoslavia-Russia.....postponed
11.10.00.....Russia-Luxembourg
11.10.00.....Slovenia-Switzerland
11.10.00.....Yugoslavia-Faroe Islands
24.03.01.....Luxembourg-Faroe Islands
24.03.01.....Russia-Slovenia
24.03.01.....Yugoslavia-Switzerland
28.03.01.....Russia-Faroe Islands
28.03.01.....Slovenia-Yugoslavia
28.03.01.....Switzerland-Luxembourg
02.06.01.....Faroe Islands-Switzerland
02.06.01.....Russia-Yugoslavia
02.06.01.....Slovenia-Luxembourg
06.06.01.....Faroe Islands-Yugoslavia
06.06.01.....Luxembourg-Russia
06.06.01.....Switzerland-Slovenia
01.09.01.....Faroe Islands-Luxembourg
01.09.01.....Slovenia-Russia
01.09.01.....Switzerland-Yugoslavia
05.09.01.....Faroe Islands-Russia
05.09.01.....Luxembourg-Switzerland
05.09.01.....Yugoslavia-Slovenia
06/07.10.01....Russia-Switzerland
06/07.10.01....Slovenia-Faroe Islands
06/07.10.01....Yugoslavia-Luxembourg

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Slovenia	2	1	1	0	4	3	4
Switzerland	2	1	0	1	5	2	3
Yugoslavia	1	1	0	0	2	0	3
Russia	1	1	0	0	1	0	3
Faroe Islands	2	0	1	1	3	7	1
Luxembourg	2	0	0	2	1	4	0

Group 2

Holland, Portugal, Rep of Ireland, Cyprus, Andorra, Estonia

16.08.00.....Estonia-Andorra.....1-0
02.09.00.....Andorra-Cyprus.....2-3
02.09.00.....Holland-Rep of Ireland.....2-2
03.09.00.....Estonia-Portugal.....1-3
07.10.00.....Andorra-Estonia.....1-2
07.10.00.....Cyprus-Holland.....0-4
07.10.00.....Portugal-Rep of Ireland.....1-1
11.10.00.....Holland-Portugal
11.10.00.....Rep of Ireland-Estonia
15.11.00.....Cyprus-Andorra
14.02.01.....Portugal-Andorra
24.03.01.....Andorra-Holland
24.03.01.....Cyprus-Rep of Ireland
28.03.01.....Andorra-Rep of Ireland
28.03.01.....Cyprus-Estonia
28.03.01.....Portugal-Holland
25.04.01.....Holland-Cyprus
25.04.01.....Rep of Ireland-Andorra
02.06.01.....Estonia-Holland
02.06.01.....Rep of Ireland-Portugal
06.06.01.....Estonia-Rep of Ireland
06.06.01.....Portugal-Cyprus
15.08.01.....Estonia-Cyprus
01.09.01.....Andorra-Portugal
01.09.01.....Rep of Ireland-Holland
05.09.01.....Cyprus-Portugal
05.09.01.....Holland-Estonia
06.10.01.....Holland-Andorra
06.10.01.....Portugal-Estonia
06.10.01.....Rep of Ireland-Cyprus

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Estonia	3	2	0	1	4	4	6
Holland	2	1	1	0	6	2	4
Portugal	2	1	1	0	4	2	4
Cyprus	2	1	0	1	3	6	3
Rep of Ireland	2	0	2	0	3	3	2
Andorra	3	0	0	3	3	6	0

Group 3

Czech Republic, Denmark, Bulgaria, Iceland, Northern Ireland, Malta

02.09.00.....Bulgaria-Czech Republic.....0-1
02.09.00.....Iceland-Denmark.....1-2
02.09.00.....Northern Ireland-Malta.....1-0
07.10.00.....Bulgaria-Malta.....3-0
07.10.00.....Czech Republic-Iceland.....4-0
07.10.00.....Northern Ireland-Denmark.....1-1
11.10.00.....Denmark-Bulgaria
11.10.00.....Iceland-Northern Ireland
11.10.00.....Malta-Czech Republic
24.03.01.....Northern Ireland-Czech Republic
25.03.01.....Bulgaria-Iceland
25.03.01.....Malta-Denmark
28.03.01.....Bulgaria-Northern Ireland
28.03.01.....Czech Republic-Denmark
25.04.01.....Malta-Iceland
02.06.01.....Denmark-Czech Republic
02.06.01.....Iceland-Malta
02.06.01.....Northern Ireland-Bulgaria
06.06.01.....Czech Republic-Northern Ireland
06.06.01.....Denmark-Malta
06.06.01.....Iceland-Bulgaria
01.09.01.....Denmark-Northern Ireland
01.09.01.....Iceland-Czech Republic
01.09.01.....Malta-Bulgaria
05.09.01.....Bulgaria-Denmark
05.09.01.....Czech Republic-Malta
05.09.01.....Northern Ireland-Iceland
06.10.01.....Czech Republic-Bulgaria
06.10.01.....Denmark-Iceland
06.10.01.....Malta-Northern Ireland

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Czech Republic	2	2	0	0	5	0	6
Denmark	2	1	1	0	3	2	4
Northern Ireland	2	1	1	0	2	1	4
Bulgaria	2	1	0	1	3	1	3
Malta	2	0	0	2	0	4	0
Iceland	2	0	0	2	1	6	0

Group 4

Sweden, Turkey, Slovakia, Macedonia, Azerbaijan, Moldova

02.09.00.....Azerbaijan-Sweden.....0-1
02.09.00.....Turkey-Moldova.....2-0
03.09.00.....Slovakia-Macedonia.....2-0
06.10.00.....Macedonia-Azerbaijan.....3-0
07.10.00.....Moldova-Slovakia.....0-1
07.10.00.....Sweden-Turkey.....1-1
11.10.00.....Azerbaijan-Turkey
11.10.00.....Moldova-Macedonia
11.10.00.....Slovakia-Sweden
24.03.01.....Azerbaijan-Moldova
24.03.01.....Sweden-Macedonia
24.03.01.....Turkey-Slovakia
28.03.01.....Macedonia-Turkey
28.03.01.....Moldova-Sweden
28.03.01.....Slovakia-Azerbaijan
02.06.01.....Macedonia-Moldova
02.06.01.....Sweden-Slovakia
02.06.01.....Turkey-Azerbaijan
06.06.01.....Azerbaijan-Slovakia
06.06.01.....Sweden-Moldova
06.06.01.....Turkey-Macedonia
01.09.01.....Macedonia-Sweden
01.09.01.....Moldova-Azerbaijan
01.09.01.....Slovakia-Turkey
05.09.01.....Azerbaijan-Macedonia
05.09.01.....Slovakia-Moldova
05.09.01.....Turkey-Sweden
07.10.01.....Macedonia-Slovakia
07.10.01.....Moldova-Turkey
07.10.01.....Sweden-Azerbaijan

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Slovakia	2	2	0	0	3	0	6
Turkey	2	1	1	0	3	1	4
Sweden	2	1	1	0	2	1	4
Macedonia	2	1	0	1	3	2	3
Moldova	2	0	0	2	0	3	0
Azerbaijan	2	0	0	2	0	4	0

Group 5

Norway, Ukraine, Poland, Wales, Armenia, Belarus

02.09.00.....Belarus-Wales.....2-1
02.09.00.....Norway-Armenia.....0-0
02.09.00.....Ukraine-Poland.....1-3
07.10.00.....Armenia-Ukraine.....2-3
07.10.00.....Poland-Belarus.....3-1
07.10.00.....Wales-Norway.....1-1
11.10.00.....Belarus-Armenia
11.10.00.....Norway-Ukraine
11.10.00.....Poland-Wales
24.03.01.....Armenia-Wales
24.03.01.....Norway-Poland
24.03.01.....Ukraine-Belarus
28.03.01.....Belarus-Norway
28.03.01.....Poland-Armenia
28.03.01.....Wales-Ukraine
02.06.01.....Armenia-Belarus
02.06.01.....Ukraine-Norway
02.06.01.....Wales-Poland
06.06.01.....Armenia-Poland
06.06.01.....Norway-Belarus
06.06.01.....Ukraine-Wales
01.09.01.....Belarus-Ukraine
01.09.01.....Poland-Norway
01.09.01.....Wales-Armenia
05.09.01.....Belarus-Poland
05.09.01.....Norway-Wales
05.09.01.....Ukraine-Armenia
06.10.01.....Armenia-Norway
06.10.01.....Poland-Ukraine
06.10.01.....Wales-Belarus

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Poland	2	2	0	0	6	2	6
Ukraine	2	1	0	1	4	5	3
Belarus	2	1	0	1	3	4	3
Norway	2	0	2	0	1	1	2
Armenia	2	0	1	1	2	3	1
Wales	2	0	1	1	2	3	1

Group 6

Belgium, Scotland, Croatia, Latvia, San Marino

02.09.00.....Belgium-Croatia.....0-0
02.09.00.....Latvia-Scotland.....0-1
07.10.00.....Latvia-Belgium.....0-4
07.10.00.....San Marino-Scotland.....0-2
11.10.00.....Croatia-Scotland
15.11.00.....San Marino-Latvia
14.02.01.....Belgium-San Marino
24.03.01.....Croatia-Latvia
24.03.01.....Scotland-Belgium
28.03.01.....Scotland-San Marino
25.04.01.....Latvia-San Marino
02.06.01.....Belgium-Latvia
02.06.01.....Croatia-San Marino
06.06.01.....Latvia-Croatia
06.06.01.....San Marino-Belgium
01.09.01.....Scotland-Croatia
05.09.01.....Belgium-Scotland
05.09.01.....San Marino-Croatia
06.10.01.....Croatia-Belgium
06.10.01.....Scotland-Latvia

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Scotland	2	2	0	0	3	0	6
Belgium	2	1	1	0	4	0	4
Croatia	1	0	1	0	0	0	1
San Marino	1	0	0	1	0	2	0
Latvia	2	0	0	2	0	5	0

Group 7

Spain, Austria, Israel, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Liechtenstein

02.09.00.....Bosnia-Herzegovina-Spain.....1-2
03.09.00.....Israel-Liechtenstein.....2-0
07.10.00.....Liechtenstein-Austria.....0-1
07.10.00.....Spain-Israel.....2-0
11.10.00.....Austria-Spain
11.10.00.....Israel-Bosnia-Herzegovina
24.03.01.....Bosnia-Herzegovina-Austria
24.03.01.....Spain-Liechtenstein
28.03.01.....Austria-Israel
28.03.01.....Liechtenstein-Bosnia-Herzegovina
25.04.01.....Austria-Liechtenstein
02.06.01.....Liechtenstein-Israel
02.06.01.....Spain-Bosnia-Herzegovina
06.06.01.....Israel-Spain
01.09.01.....Bosnia-Herzegovina-Israel
01.09.01.....Spain-Austria
05.09.01.....Austria-Bosnia-Herzegovina
05.09.01.....Liechtenstein-Spain
07.10.01.....Bosnia-Herzegovina-Liechtenstein
07.10.01.....Israel-Austria

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Spain	2	2	0	0	4	1	6
Austria	1	1	0	0	1	0	3
Israel	2	1	0	1	2	2	3
Bosnia-Herz	1	0	0	1	1	2	0
Liechtenstein	2	0	0	2	0	3	0

Group 8

Romania, Italy, Lithuania, Hungary, Georgia

03.09.00.....Hungary-Italy.....2-2
03.09.00.....Romania-Lithuania.....1-0
07.10.00.....Italy-Romania.....3-0
07.10.00.....Lithuania-Georgia.....0-4
11.10.00.....Italy-Georgia
11.10.00.....Lithuania-Hungary
24.03.01.....Hungary-Lithuania
24.03.01.....Romania-Italy
28.03.01.....Georgia-Romania
28.03.01.....Italy-Lithuania
02.06.01.....Georgia-Italy
02.06.01.....Romania-Hungary
06.06.01.....Hungary-Georgia
06.06.01.....Lithuania-Romania
01.09.01.....Georgia-Hungary
01.09.01.....Lithuania-Italy
05.09.01.....Georgia-Lithuania
05.09.01.....Hungary-Romania
06.10.01.....Italy-Hungary
06.10.01.....Romania-Georgia

	P	W	D	L
Italy	2	1	1	0
Georgia	1	1	0	0
Romania	2	1	0	1
Hungary	1	0	1	0
Lithuania	2	0	0	2

Group 9

Germany, England, Greece, Finland, Albania

02.09.00.....Finland-Albania 2-1
02.09.00.....Germany-Greece 2-0
07.10.00.....England-Germany.....0-1
07.10.00.....Greece-Finland.....1-0
11.10.00.....Albania-Greece
11.10.00.....Finland-England
24.03.01.....England-Finland
24.03.01.....Germany-Albania
28.03.01.....Albania-England
28.03.01.....Greece-Germany
02.06.01.....Finland-Germany
02.06.01.....Greece-Albania
06.06.01.....Albania-Germany
06.06.01.....Greece-England
01.09.01.....Albania-Finland
01.09.01.....Germany-England
05.09.01.....England-Albania
05.09.01.....Finland-Greece
06.10.01.....England-Greece
06.10.01.....Germany-Finland

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Germany	2	2	0	0	3	0	6
Finland	2	1	0	1	2	2	3
Greece	2	1	0	1	1	2	3
Albania	1	0	0	1	1	2	0
England	1	0	0	1	0	1	0

Group winners qualify automatically for the finals. The nine group runners-up and the third-placed Asian team will be drawn in five head-to-head ties, the winners of which also qualify for the finals.

THE FOOTBALL CONFEDERATION

3 teams qualify

PRELIMINARY PHASE

Central American Zone Group A

El Salvador, Belize, Guatemala

05.03.00 .....El Salvador-Belize 5-0
19.03.00 .....*Belize-Guatemala 1-2
02.04.00 .....Guatemala-El Salvador.....0-1
16.04.00 .....Belize-El Salvador 1-3
07.05.00 .....El Salvador-Guatemala.....1-1
20.05.00 .....**Guatemala-Belize.....0-0
**In Panama City*
***In Tegucigalpa, Honduras*

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
El Salvador	4	3	1	0	10	2	10
Guatemala	4	1	2	1	3	3	5
Belize	4	0	1	3	2	10	1

Central American Zone Group B

Honduras, Nicaragua, Panama

04.03.00 .....Honduras-Nicaragua 3-0
19.03.00 .....Nicaragua-Panama 0-2
02.04.00 .....Panama-Honduras 1-0
16.04.00 .....Nicaragua-Honduras 0-1
07.05.00 .....Honduras-Panama 3-1
21.05.00 .....Panama-Nicaragua 4-0

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Panama	4	3	0	1	8	3	9
Honduras	4	3	0	1	7	2	9
Nicaragua	4	0	0	4	0	10	0

Group winners qualified for the overall confederation semi-final round. Group A runners-up played off against Caribbean Zone Group 2 runners-up for a semi-final round place; Group B runners-up played off against Caribbean Zone Group 3 runners-up for a semi-final round place.

Caribbean Zone first round

Group 1
05.03.00.....Cuba-Cayman Islands.....4-0
19.03.00.....Cayman Islands-Cuba.....0-0
.....*Cuba 4-0 on agg*
05.03.00.....St Lucia-Surinam.....1-0
19.03.00.....Surinam-St Lucia .....(aet) 1-0
.....*Agg 1-1. Surinam 3-1 on pens*
05.03.00.....Barbados-Grenada 2-2
18.03.00.....Grenada-Barbados 2-3
.....*Barbados 5-4 on agg*
11.03.00.....Aruba-Puerto Rico 4-2
18.03.00.....Puerto Rica-Aruba 2-2
.....*Aruba 6-4 on agg*

Group 2
05.03.00.....St Vincent-US Virgin Islands.....9-0
19.03.00.....US Virgin Islands-St Vincent.....1-5
.....*St Vincent 14-1 on agg*
05.03.00.....British Virgin Is-Bermuda 1-5
19.03.00.....Bermuda-British Virgin Is 9-0
.....*Bermuda 14-1 on agg*
18.03.00.....St Kitts-Turks & Caicos Is.....8-0
21.03.00.....Turks & Caicos Is-St Kitts* 0-6
.....*St Kitts 14-0 on agg*
Guyana v Antigua & Barbuda – Guyana suspended by FIFA; Antigua & Barbuda went through to second round.
**2nd leg also played in St Kitts*

Group 3
04.03.00.....Trinidad & Tob-Dutch Antilles 5-0
18.03.00.....Dutch Antilles-Trinidad & Tob 1-1
.....*Trinidad & Tobago 6-1 on agg*
05.03.00.....Anguilla-Bahamas 1-3
19.03.00.....Bahamas-Anguilla 2-1
.....*Bahamas 5-2 on agg*
05.03.00.....Dominican Rep-Montserrat 3-0
19.03.00.....Montserrat-Dominican Rep 1-3
.....*Dominican Republic 6-1 on agg*
11.03.00.....Haiti-Dominica.....4-0
19.03.00.....Dominica-Haiti.....1-3
.....*Haiti 7-1 on agg*

Caribbean Zone second round

Group 1
01.04.00.....Aruba-Barbados 1-3
16.04.00.....Barbados-Aruba 4-0
.....*Barbados 7-1 on agg*
02.04.00.....Cuba-Surinam 1-0
16.04.00.....Surinam-Cuba 0-0
.....*Cuba 1-0 on agg*

Group 2
16.04.00.....Antigua & Barbuda-Bermuda 0-0
23.04.00.....Bermuda-Antigua & Barbuda 1-1
.....*Agg 1-1. Antigua & Barbuda on away gls*
16.04.00.....St Vincent-St Kitts 1-0
23.04.00.....St Kitts-St Vincent 1-2
.....*St Vincent 3-1 on agg*

Group 3
01.04.00.....Haiti-Bahamas.....9-0
16.04.00.....Bahamas-Haiti.....0-4
.....*Haiti 13-0 on agg*
02.04.00.....Trinidad & Tob-Dominican Rep 3-0
16.04.00.....Dominican Rep-Trinidad & Tob 0-1
.....*Trinidad & Tobago 4-0 on agg*

Caribbean Zone finals

Group 1
07.05.00.....Cuba-Barbados.....1-1
21.05.00.....Barbados-Cuba.....1-1
.....*Agg 2-2. Barbados 5-4 on pens*

Group 2
07.05.00.....Antigua & Barbuda-St Vincent.....2-1
21.05.00.....St Vincent-Antigua & Barbuda.....4-0
.....*St Vincent 5-2 on agg*

Group 3
07.05.00.....Trinidad & Tobago-Haiti 3-1
20.05.00.....Haiti-Trinidad & Tobago 1-1
.....*Trinidad & Tobago 4-2 on agg*

The three Finals winners qualified for the overall confederation semi-final round.
Group 1 runners-up played off against Canada for a semi-final round place; Group 2 runners-up played off against Central American Zone Group A runners-up for a semi-final round place; Group 3 runners-up played off against Central American Zone Group B runners-up for a semi-final round place.

INTER-ZONE PLAY-OFFS

04.06.00.....Cuba-Canada.....0-1
11.06.00.....Canada-Cuba.....0-0
.....*Canada 1-0 on agg*

11.06.00.....Antigua & Barbuda-Guatemala.....0-1
18.06.00.....Guatemala-Antigua & Barbuda.....8-1
.....*Guatemala 9-1 on agg*

03.06.00.....Honduras-Haiti 4-0
17.06.00.....Haiti-Honduras 1-3
.....*Honduras 7-1 on agg*

SEMI-FINAL ROUND

Costa Rica, Jamaica, Mexico and the USA qualified directly for the semi-final round.

Group C: Canada, Mexico, Panama, Trinidad & Tobago.

16.07.00.....Canada-Trinidad & Tobago.....0-2
16.07.00.....Panama-Mexico 0-1
23.07.00.....Panama-Canada.....0-0
23.07.00.....Trinidad & Tobago-Mexico 1-0
15.08.00.....Mexico-Canada 2-0
16.08.00.....Trinidad & Tobago-Panama.....6-0
03.09.00.....Mexico-Panama 7-1
03.09.00.....Trinidad & Tobago-Canada.....4-0
08.10.00.....Mexico-Trinidad & Tobago 7-0
09.10.00.....Canada-Panama
15.11.00.....Canada-Mexico
15.11.00.....Panama-Trinidad & Tobago

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Mexico*	5	4	0	1	17	2	12
Trinidad & Tob*	5	4	0	1	13	7	12
Canada	4	0	1	3	0	8	1
Panama	4	0	1	3	1	14	1

Group D: El Salvador, Honduras, Jamaica, St Vincent & The Grenadines.

16.07.00.....El Salvador-Honduras.....2-5
16.07.00.....St Vincent-Jamaica 0-1
23.07.00.....El Salvador-St Vincent.....7-1
23.07.00.....Jamaica-Honduras 3-1
16.08.00.....Honduras-St Vincent 6-0
16.08.00.....Jamaica-El Salvador 1-0
02.09.00.....Honduras-El Salvador.....5-0
03.09.00.....Jamaica-St Vincent 2-0
08.10.00.....Honduras-Jamaica 1-0
08.10.00.....St Vincent-El Salvador.....1-2
15.11.00.....El Salvador-Jamaica
15.11.00.....St Vincent-Honduras

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Honduras*	5	4	0	1	18	5	12
Jamaica*	5	4	0	1	7	2	12
El Salvador	5	2	0	3	11	13	6
St Vincent	5	0	0	5	2	18	0

Group E: Barbados, Costa Rica, Guatemala, USA.

16.07.00.....Barbados-Costa Rica.....2-1
16.07.00.....Guatemala-USA 1-1
22.07.00.....Guatemala-Barbados.....2-0
23.07.00.....Costa Rica-USA 2-1
15.08.00.....Costa Rica-Guatemala.....2-1
16.08.00.....United States-Barbados 7-0
03.09.00.....Costa Rica-Barbados.....3-0
03.09.00.....United States-Guatemala 1-0
08.10.00.....Barbados-Guatemala.....1-2
11.10.00.....United States-Costa Rica
15.11.00.....Barbados-United States
15.11.00.....Guatemala-Costa Rica

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Costa Rica	4	3	0	1	8	4	9
USA	4	2	1	1	10	3	7
Guatemala	5	2	1	2	6	5	7
Barbados	5	1	0	4	3	15	3

The top two from each qualify for a final round group of six.

**Qualified for Final Round.*

FINAL ROUND

The six semi-final round qualifiers meet in a round-robin group. The top three qualify for the finals.

OCEANIA

0 or 1 teams qualify

FIRST ROUND

Group 1

Australia, Tonga, Fiji, American Samoa, Samoa
Ties to be played in June 2001 in Australia.

Group 2

New Zealand, Tahiti, Solomon Islands, Vanuatu, Cook Islands
Ties to be played in March/April 2001 in Auckland, NZ.

Groups played on round-robin basis. Winners meet in a two-leg play-off. Winners of the play-off will play home and away against the fifth-placed South American country for a place in the finals.

SOUTH AMERICA

4 or 5 teams qualify

Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Ecuador, Paraguay, Peru, Uruguay, Venezuela

28.03.00.....Colombia-Brazil.....0-0
29.03.00.....Argentina-Chile 4-1
29.03.00.....Ecuador-Venezuela 2-0
29.03.00.....Peru-Paraguay 2-0
29.03.00.....Uruguay-Bolivia.....1-0
26.04.00.....Bolivia-Colombia 1-1
26.04.00.....Brazil-Ecuador.....3-2
26.04.00.....Chile-Peru 1-1
26.04.00.....Paraguay-Uruguay.....1-0
26.04.00.....Venezuela-Argentina.....0-4
03.06.00.....Paraguay-Ecuador.....3-1
03.06.00.....Uruguay-Chile.....2-1
04.06.00.....Argentina-Bolivia.....1-0
04.06.00.....Colombia-Venezuela.....3-0
04.06.00.....Peru-Brazil 0-1
28.06.00.....Brazil-Uruguay 1-1
28.06.00.....Venezuela-Bolivia.....4-2
29.06.00.....Chile-Paraguay.....3-1
29.06.00.....Colombia-Argentina 1-3
29.06.00.....Ecuador-Peru 2-1
18.07.00.....Paraguay-Brazil.....2-1
18.07.00.....Uruguay-Venezuela 3-1
19.07.00.....Argentina-Ecuador 2-0
19.07.00.....Bolivia-Chile 1-0
19.07.00.....Peru-Colombia.....0-1
25.07.00.....Ecuador-Colombia.....0-0
25.07.00.....Venezuela-Chile 0-2
26.07.00.....Brazil-Argentina 3-1
26.07.00.....Uruguay-Peru 0-0
27.07.00.....Bolivia-Paraguay 0-0
15.08.00.....Chile-Brazil.....3-0
15.08.00.....Colombia-Uruguay.....1-0
16.08.09.....Argentina-Paraguay 1-1
16.08.00.....Ecuador-Bolivia 2-0
16.08.00.....Peru-Venezuela 1-0
02.09.00.....Chile-Colombia 0-1
02.09.00.....Paraguay-Venezuela 3-0
03.09.00.....Brazil-Bolivia 5-0
03.09.00.....Peru-Argentina.....1-2
03.09.00.....Uruguay-Ecuador 4-0
07.10.00.....Colombia-Paraguay.....0-2
08.10.00 ....Argentina-Uruguay 2-1
08.10.00.....Bolivia-Peru.....1-0
08.10.00.....Ecuador-Chile.....1-0
08.10.00.....Venezuela-Brazil 0-6
14.11.00.....Brazil-Colombia
14.11.00.....Paraguay-Peru
15.11.00.....Bolivia-Uruguay
15.11.00.....Chile-Argentina
15.11.00.....Venezuela-Ecuador
27.03.01.....Argentina-Venezuela
27.03.01.....Ecuador-Brazil
27.03.01.....Peru-Chile
28.03.01.....Colombia-Bolivia
28.03.01.....Uruguay-Paraguay
24.04.01.....Chile-Uruguay
24.04.01.....Ecuador-Paraguay
24.04.01.....Venezuela-Colombia
25.04.01.....Bolivia-Argentina
25.04.01.....Brazil-Peru
02.06.01.....Paraguay-Chile
02.06.01.....Peru-Ecuador
03.06.01.....Argentina-Colombia

03.06.01.....Bolivia-Venezuela
03.06.01.....Uruguay-Brazil
14.08.01.....Chile-Bolivia
14.08.01.....Venezuela-Uruguay
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Paraguay	9	5	2	2	13	8	17
Colombia	9	4	3	2	8	6	15
Uruguay	9	4	2	3	12	7	14
Ecuador	9	4	1	4	10	13	13
Chile	9	3	1	5	11	11	10
Peru	9	2	2	5	6	8	8
Bolivia	9	2	2	5	5	14	8
Venezuela	9	1	0	8	5	26	3

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OLYMPIC SQUADS

(Overage players in italics)

AUSTRALIA

GOALKEEPERS: Danny Milosevic (Leeds United, Eng), Michael Turnbull (Marconi)
DEFENDERS: Con Blatsis (Derby County, Eng), Hayden Foxe (West Ham, Eng), Stephen Laybutt (Feyenoord, Hol), *Stan Lazaridis (Birmingham City, Eng)*
MIDFIELDERS: Marco Bresciano (Empoli, Ita), Simon Colosimo (Carlton), Jason Culina (Ajax Amsterdam, Hol), Brett Emerton (Feyenoord, Hol), Vince Grella (Ternana, Ita), Lucas Neill (Millwall, Eng), Nick Rizzo (Ternana, Ita), *Josip Skoko (Genk, Blg)*, Kasey Wehrman (Perth Glory)
FORWARDS: Michael Curcija (Partizan Belgrade, Yug), *Mark Viduka (Leeds United, Eng)*, Clayton Zane (Molde, Nor)
COACH: Raul Blanco

BRAZIL

GOALKEEPERS: Fabio Costa (Santos), Helton (Vasco da Gama)
DEFENDERS: Alvaro (Sao Paulo), Andre Luis (Santos), Athirson (Flamengo), Baiano (Santos), Fabio Aurelio (Sao Paulo/Valencia, Spa), Fabio Bilica (Venezia, Ita), Lucio (Internacional)
MIDFIELDERS: Alex (Palmeiras), Edu (Sao Paulo), Fabiano (Sao Paulo), Marcos Paulo (Cruzeiro), Mozart (Flamengo), Roger (Fluminense)
FORWARDS: Geovanni (Cruzeiro), Lucas (Rennes, Fra), Ronaldinho (Gremio)
COACH: Wanderley Luxemburgo

CAMEROON

GOALKEEPERS: Daniel Bekono (Canon Yaounde), Idriss Carlos Kameni (Le Havre, Fra)
DEFENDERS: Patrick Abanda (Apollon, Gre), Clement Beaud (Tonnerre Yaounde), Aaron Nguimbat (Canon Yaounde), Pierre Wome (Bologna, Ita)
MIDFIELDERS: Nicolas Alnoudji (Tonnerre Yaounde), Serge Branco (Eintracht Braunschweig, Ger), Lauren Etame-Mayer (Arsenal, Eng), Joel Epalle (Panahaiki, Gre), Geremi Fotso Njitap (Real Madrid, Spa), Modeste Mbami (Sedan, Fra), *Serge Mimpo (Panahaiki, Gre)*, Daniel Ngom Kome (Levantes, Spa)
FORWARDS: Samuel Eto'o Fils (Real Mallorca, Spa), *Patrick Mboma (Parma, Ita)*, Patrick Suffo (Sheffield United, Eng), Albert Ze Meyong (Vitoria Setubal, Por)
COACH: Jean-Paul Akono

CHILE

GOALKEEPERS: Javier di Gregorio (Coquimbo), Nelson Tapia (Universidad Catolica)
DEFENDERS: Cristian Alvarez (Universidad Catolica), David Contreras (Monaco, Fra), David Henriquez (Colo Colo), Manuel Ibarra (Santiago Morning), Rafael Olarra (Universidad Chile), *Pedro Reyes (Auxerre, Fra)*, Rodrigo Tello (Universidad Chile)
MIDFIELDERS: Francisco Arrue (Santiago Morning), Claudio Maldonado (Sao Paulo, Bra), Rodrigo Nunez (Santiago Wanderers), Patricio Ormazabal (Universidad Catolica), David Pizarro (Udinese, Ita)
FORWARDS: Sebastian Gonzalez (Colo Colo), Reinaldo Navia (Santiago Wanderers), *Hector Tapia (Perugia, Ita), Ivan Zamorano (Internazionale, Ita)*
COACH: Nelson Acosta

CZECH REPUBLIC

GOALKEEPERS: Ales Chvalovsky (VfB Stuttgart, Ger), Jaroslav Drobny (Ceske Budejovice)
DEFENDERS: Erich Brabec (Petra Drnovice), Lukas Dosek (Slavia Prague), Radoslav Kovac (Sigma Olomouc), Roman Lengyel (Sparta Prague), Adam Petrous (Slavia Prague)
MIDFIELDERS: Marek Jankulovksi (Napoli, Ita), Jan Polak (Stavo Artiki Brno), Jan Simak (Hannover 96, Ger), Libor Sionko (Sparta Prague), Roman Tyce (1860 Munich, Ger), Tomas Ujfalusi (Sigma Olomouc), Martin Vozabal (Ceske Budejovice)
FORWARDS: Milan Baros (Banik Ostrava), Libor Dosek (Stavo Artiki Brno), Marek Heinz (Hamburg, Ger), Tomas Kucera (Pribram)
COACH: Karel Bruckner

HONDURAS

GOALKEEPERS: Carlos Escobar (Victoria), Noel Valladares (Motagua)
DEFENDERS: Mario Guerrero (Motagua), Junior Izaguirre (Motagua), Walter Lopez (Platense), Elmer Montoya (Motagua), Jaime Rosales (Marathon)
MIDFIELDERS: Julio Cesar Suaso (Victoria), Elvis Danilo Turcios (Universidad NAH), Mario Chirinos (Motagua), Francisco Pavon (Victoria), Maynor Suazo (Austria Salzburg, Aut), Julio Cesar Leon (Atletico Celaya, Mex), Jairo Martinez (Motagua)
FORWARDS: Carlos Paes de Oliveira (Olimpia), Luis Ramirez (Real Espana), Elvis Scott (Platense), David Suazo (Cagliari, Ita)
COACH: Ramon Maradiaga

ITALY

GOALKEEPERS: Christian Abbiati (Milan), Morgan De Sanctis (Udinese)
DEFENDERS: Bruno Cirillo (Internazionale), Matteo Ferrari (Internazionale), Alessandro Grandoni (Sampdoria), Luca Mezzano (Verona), Claudio Rivalta (Perugia), Marco Zanchi (Juventus)
MIDFIELDERS: Massimo Ambrosini (Milan), Roberto Baronio (Lazio), Gennaro Ivan Gattuso (Milan), Ighli Vannucchi (Salernitana), Gianluca Zambrotta (Juventus), Cristiano Zanetti (Roma)
FORWARDS: Gianni Comandini (Milan), Massimo Margiotta (Udinese), Andrea Pirlo (Internazionale), Nicola Ventola (Atalanta)
COACH: Marco Tardelli

JAPAN

GOALKEEPERS: *Seigo Narazaki (Nagoya Grampus Eight)*, Ryota Tsuzuki (Gamba Osaka)
DEFENDERS: Naoki Matsuda (Yokohama Marinos), Tsuneyasu Miyamoto (Gamba Osaka), *Ryuzo Morioka (Shimizu S-Pulse)*, Koji Nakata (Kashima Antlers), Yuji Nakazawa (Verdy Kawasaki)
MIDFIELDERS: Junichi Inamoto (Gamba Osaka), *Atsuhiro Miura (Yokohama Marinos)*, Masashi Motoyama (Kashima Antlers), Tomokazu Myojin (Kashiwa Reysol), Shunsuke Nakamura (Yokohama Marinos), Hidetoshi Nakata (Roma, Ita), Norihiro Nishi (Jubilo Iwata), Tomoyuki Sakai (JEF United)
FORWARDS: Tomoyuki Hirase (Kashima Antlers), Naohiro Takahara (Jubilo Iwata), Atsushi Yanagisawa (Kashima Antlers)
COACH: Philippe Troussier

KUWAIT

GOALKEEPERS: Nawaf Al Khaldi (Al Qadisiya), Shehab Kankone (Kazma)
DEFENDERS: *Jamal Abdulrahman (Al Tadamon), Esam Al Kandari (Kazma)*, Abdullah Hasan (Al Nasr), Sadoun Slaman (Al Qadisiya), Yousef Zayed (Fehayheel)
MIDFIELDERS: Adel Al Anezi (Al Kuwait), Salem Al Buraiki (Al Salmiya), Nawaf Al Humaidan (Kazma), Naser Al Omran (Kazma), Hamad Al Tayyar (Kazma), *Saihan Abdullah (Al Tadamon)*
FORWARDS: Bashar Abdulaziz (Al Salmiya), Khalaf Al Mutairi (Al Jahara), Naser Al Othman (Al Salmiya), Bader Najem (Al Qadisiya), Faraj Saied (Al Kuwait)
COACH: Radojko Avramovic

MOROCCO

GOALKEEPERS: Abdelilah Bagui (MAS Fes), Tarik El Jarmouni (SCCM Mohammedia)
DEFENDERS: *Adel Chbouki (Wydad Casablanca)*, Fouzi El Brazi (Twente, Hol), Noureddine Kacemi (SCCM Mohammedia), Mohamed Kharbouch (Raja Casablanca), *El Houssaine Ouchla (Royal Armed Forces)*, Akram Roumani (Genk, Blg)
MIDFIELDERS: Zakaria Aboub (Raja Casablanca), Otmane El Assas (Khouribga), Hamid Nater (Raja Casablanca), Abdelmajid Oulmers (Wasquehal, Fra)
FORWARDS: *Salaheddine Bassir (Deportivo La Coruna, Spa)*, Karim Benkouar (Nimes, Fra), Abdelfattah El Khattari (SCCM Mohammedia), Bouchaib El Moubarki (Raja Casablanca), Youssef Safri (Raja Casablanca), Jawad Zairi (Gueugnon, Fra)
COACH: Said El Khider

NIGERIA

GOALKEEPERS: Gregg Etafia (Lobi Stars), Sam Okoye (Enugu Rangers)
DEFENDERS: Celestine Babayaro (Chelsea, Eng), Furo Iyenemi (Sion, Swi), Christopher Kanu (Ajax Amsterdam, Hol), Isaac Okoronkwo (Shakhtar Donetsk, Ukr), *Godwin Okpara (Paris St Germain, Fra)*, Gbenga Okunowo (Barcelona, Spa)
MIDFIELDERS: Blessing Kaku (Genk, Blg), *Garba Lawal (Roda JC, Hol)*, Azubike Oliseh (Utrecht, Hol), Henry Onwuzuruike (Greuther Fuerth, Ger)
FORWARDS: Julius Aghahowa (Esperance, Tun), Victor Agali (Hansa Rostock, Ger), Yakubu Ayegbeni (Maccabi Haifa, Isr), Bright Igbinadolor (Sporting Gijon, Spa), Pius Ikedia (Ajax Amsterdam, Hol), Sunday Johnson (Kwara United)
COACH: Jo Bonfrere

SLOVAKIA

GOALKEEPERS: Kamil Contofalsky (Bohemians, Cze), *Martin Lipcak (Ozeta Trencin)*
DEFENDERS: Marian Cisovsky (Inter Bratislava), Peter Hiinka (Tatran Presov), Milos Krsko (Ozeta Trencin), Peter Lerant (Bayer Leverkusen, Ger), Martin Petras (Jablonas, Cze)
MIDFIELDERS: (Miroslav Barcik (Zilina), Juraj Czinege (Inter Bratislava), Miroslav Drobnak (Tatran Presov), Kirol Kisel (Bohemians, Cze), Marek Mintal (Zilina), Andrej Porazik (Ozeta Trencin), Andrej Supka (Dubnica Vahom)
FORWARDS: *Radoslav Kral (FC Kosice), Michal Pancik (Slovan Bratislava)*, Jan Slahor (Slovan Bratislava), Martin Vyskoc (Ruzomberok)
COACH: Dusan Radolsky

SOUTH AFRICA

GOALKEEPERS: *Brian Baloyi (Kaizer Chiefs)*, Emile Baron (Lillestrom, Nor)
DEFENDERS: Matthew Booth (Mamelodi Sundowns), David Kannemeyer (Ajax Cape Town), Nkhiphitheni Matombo (Manning Rangers), Fabian McCarthy (Bloemfontein Celtic), Aaron Mokoena (Ajax Cape Town)
MIDFIELDERS: Delron Buckley (Bochum, Ger), Stanton Fredericks (Wits University), Quinton Fortune (Manchester United, Eng), Steve Lekoelea (Orlando Pirates), Abram Nteo (Bloemfontein Celtic), Jabu Pule (Kaizer Chiefs)
FORWARDS: Daniel Matsau (Kaizer Chiefs), Benedict McCarthy (Celta Vigo, Spa), Nkosinathi Nhleko (Jomo Cosmos), Siyabonga Nomvete (Kaizer Chiefs)
COACH: Ephraim Mashaba
* SA had only 17 players after the late withdrawal of *Dumisa Ngobe (Ankaragucu, Tur)*

SOUTH KOREA

GOALKEEPERS: Choi Hyun (Joongang University), Kim Yong-Dae (Yonsei University)
DEFENDERS: Co Se-Kwon (Korea University), *Kang Chul (Puchon SK)*, Lee Young-Pyo (Anyang LG), Park Dong-Hyuk (Korea University), Park Jae-Hong (Myungji University), Park Jin-Sub (Sangmoo), Park Ji-Sung (Kyoto Purple Sanga, Jap), Sim Jae-Won (Pusan)
MIDFIELDERS: *Kim Do-Hoon (Chonbuk Hyundai)*, Kim Do-Kyun (Ulsan Hyundai), *Kim Sang-Sik (Songnam Ilhwa)*, Ko Jong-Su (Suwon Samsung), Lee Chun-Soo (Korea University)
FORWARDS: Choi Chul-Woo (Ulsan Hyundai), Choi Tai-Uk (Anyang LG), Lee Dong-Gook (Pohang Steelers)
COACH: Huh Jung-Moo

SPAIN

GOALKEEPERS: Aranzubia Athletic Bilbao), Felip (Extremadura)
DEFENDERS: Amaya (Atletico Madrid), Capdevila (Deportivo La Coruna), Ferron (Real Zaragoza), Lacruz (Athletic Bilbao), Marchena (Benfica, Por), Puyol (Barcelona), Unai (Villareal)
MIDFIELDERS: Albelda (Valencia), Gabri (Barcelona), Ismael (Racing Santander), Toni Velamazan (Espanyol), Xavi (Barcelona)
FORWARDS: Angulo (Valencia), Jose Mari (Milan, Ita), Luque (Real Mallorca), Tamudo (Espanyol)
COACH: Inaki Saez Ruiz

UNITED STATES

GOALKEEPERS: *Brad Friedel (Liverpool, Eng)*, Tim Howard (New York/New Jersey MetroStars)
DEFENDERS: *Jeff Agoos (Washington DC United)*, Danny Califf (Los Angeles Galaxy), Casey Conor (Portland University), Ramiro Corrales (New York/New Jersey MetroStars), Brian Dunseth (New England Revolution), *Frankie Hejduk (Bayer Leverkusen, Ger)*, Chad McCarty (Tampa Bay Mutiny), Evan Whitfield (Chicago Fire)
MIDFIELDERS: Joey Digiamarino (Colorado Rapids), John O'Brien (Ajax Amsterdam, Hol), Ben Olsen (Washington DC United), Pete Vagenas (Los Angeles Galaxy), Sasha Victorine (Los Angeles Galaxy)
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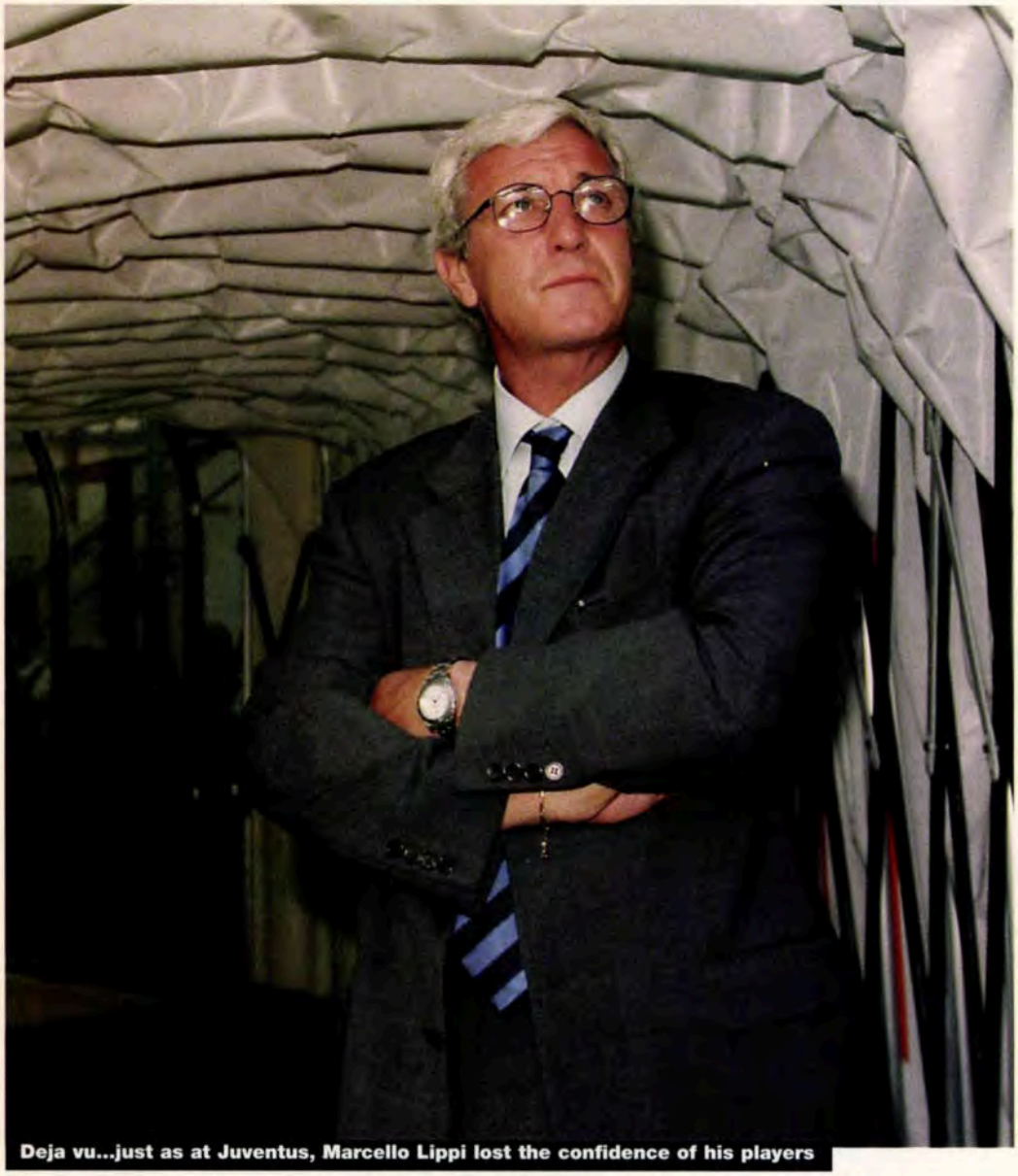
Lippi out, Terim in danger

Paddy Agnew on the first coaching casualty of the Serie A season



Deja vu...just as at Juventus, Marcello Lippi lost the confidence of his players

PLUS ÇA CHANGE, plus c'est la meme chose. The new Serie A season was less than 48 hours old and already one coach, Inter's Marcello Lippi, was out on his ear while another, Turk Fatih Terim at Fiorentina, was hanging on by the skin of his teeth.

When it comes to an assessment of hot seats in Italian soccer, the position of coach at Internazionale has to be high on the list. When Lippi talked himself out of his job minutes after his side had been beaten 2-1 by Reggina on the opening day of the season, he became the 10th coach in the past decade to part company with the club.

Looking ashen-faced and more depressed than angry, Lippi walked into the post-match news conference in Reggio Calabria to say that he would not be answering questions but rather would make a statement.

"I'm ashamed to have sent out a side like that. Today, if I was the club president, I'd sack the coach and take all the players and give them a good kick up the backside." Having said his piece, the grim-faced Lippi stood up and left.

If ever a man had publicly stated that he wanted out, it was Lippi. After thinking things over for 24 hours, club president Massimo Moratti granted his coach his apparent wish and sacked him, claiming that he had come to the conclusion that Lippi saw "his future at Inter as very much an uphill one".

Although Lippi was careful not to offer his resignation, thus giving the impression that he was willing to continue at Inter, the reality was otherwise.

Lippi's non-resignation may have had a contractual explanation since a coach who resigns immediately forfeits his salary, while one who is sacked is entitled to his salary until such time as his contract runs out.

Two seasons ago, in February 1999, while coach to Juventus, a furious Lippi had offered his resignation in the immediate aftermath of a humiliating 4-2 home defeat by Parma. On that occasion, the coach had expected the Turin club to firmly reject the resignation. To his amazement, however, Juventus accepted the resignation and said: "Thanks very much, Mr Lippi."

This time, he was determined not to repeat the error, at least in terms of wages lost. (By the way, Lippi was on an after-tax, annual salary of £1million at Inter.)

Lippi's dismissal had, ostensibly, been provoked by that opening day defeat by Reggina. In reality, his problems with Inter went back to last season, which was marked by disappointing results, injuries to key players such as Ronaldo and Christian Vieri, and by polemics with players such as Roberto Baggio, Christian Panucci (who both, significantly, left the club during this summer) and Uruguayan Alvaro Recoba.

Lippi's bitter words would suggest that, as seemed to be the case at Juve two seasons ago, he had lost the support of many, if not all, of his squad.

Had Inter not snatched a Champions League place when surprisingly defeating Parma in an end of season play-off, Lippi might well have been forced out last May. Instead, that Champions League qualification put an unreal gloss on a disappointing season. While Lippi was not much helped by the injuries to Ronaldo and Vieri, it was also true that such was the star-studded, multi-national Inter squad that fans might have hoped for more than a joint fourth-place finish in Serie A.

This autumn, the unreal nature of that gloss was cruelly exposed by modest Swedish side Helsingborgs who put Inter out of the Champions League at the preliminary round

stage. More than the defeat by Reggina, Lippi's fate was sealed following elimination by a side that went on to lose their first three Champions League group games.

European disappointment, too, was at the heart of the other major incident of the opening week of the Serie A season. Fiorentina's first round UEFA Cup elimination at the hands of Austrian side Tirol Innsbruck looked as if it might end the new Italian chapter in the life of ex-Galatasaray coach Fatih Terim, almost before it had begun.

Terim reacted angrily to that setback, writing a testy open letter to his club owner Vittorio Cecchi Gori, in which he called for three top-class reinforcements to the squad. Rather than dealing discreetly with the matter, however, Cecchi Gori opted to take to the airwaves of a local Florentine TV station (which, incidentally, he owns) and demand an apology from his coach. If none was forthcoming, suggested the club owner, then Terim, too, would soon be out on his ear.

Unlike Lippi, however, Terim appeared to have the support of the players judging not just from their comments but, more importantly, from the manner of their 2-2 draw at Parma on the opening day.

Elsewhere among the first Serie A encounters we were reminded about what recent European games had already shown us, namely that complacent domestic champions Lazio would do well to get off their laurels. A difficult 2-2 opening day draw away to Atalanta followed on from a comprehensive Champions League defeat by Arsenal.

Furthermore, while Milan's opening 2-0 win against Vicenza followed on from the sort of form that had seen them defeat Barcelona by the same scoreline at Camp Nou, Juventus surprised no one in having to work hard to come back from 1-0 down to beat Napoli 2-1 in front of 78,000 at San Paolo stadium in Naples.

Three days earlier, Juve had disappointed in a 0-0 Champions League home draw with Deportivo La Coruna, during which Zinedine Zidane was sent off.

To some extent, however, initial Italian hiccups in the Champions League were always on the cards, given the federation's decision to delay the Serie A start until after the Olympics. Early managerial sackings were also on the cards, too, given the short fuse of owner-fan-media patience in Italy. Stand by for further action, on and off the field.

Pro-file Nuno Gomes

Prolific striker taking over the Batistuta mantle at Fiorentina

PORTUGAL'S preparations for the European Championship finals were accompanied by the old concern that the team would play skilful football, weave wonderful patterns, then fail to put the ball in the net.

That was what let them down at Euro 96. But four years is time enough for change, a fact exemplified by the personality and attacking perception of striker Nuno Gomes.

Portugal will remember their opening 3-2 win over England in Eindhoven for years – how they hit back from 2-0 down with goals from Luis Figo and Joao Pinto, and how Nuno Gomes then outwitted Tony Adams and Sol Campbell to drive the second-half winner past David Seaman.

He nearly did not make the line-up. Coach Humberto Coelho had apparently been juggling, in his mind, between playing a second striker alongside Joao Pinto or taking the more defensive and pragmatic option of strengthening midfield with Sergio Conceicao.

Coelho gambled on his old attacking instincts and was magnificently rewarded. Nuno Gomes struck two more goals in the quarter-final victory over Turkey, then the opening goal in the dramatic semi-final defeat by France.

That was also the last the international game will see of him for the rest of the year since he lost his temper after the award of the extra-time penalty from which Zinedine Zidane fired France's golden goal winner. Nuno Gomes shoved his way into a confrontation with the officials and thrust his shirt at referee Gunter Benko. The result? Not merely tarnished defeat for Portugal but a red card for the forward and a subsequent eight-game international ban, reduced on appeal to seven.

In the meantime, Fiorentina stepped quickly to the head of the queue of interested purchasers as soon as it was confirmed that Gabriel Batistuta was off to Roma. The Florentines knew they needed a big signing to head off demonstrations from angry fans, and Nuno Gomes, at £12million from Benfica, fitted the bill.

He does not mind the fuss or the lucrative, five-year contract worth around £1.5m a term. But he does not want to be compared to Batistuta and refused to take over Batigol's No 9 shirt. Anyway, the Argentinian was not his all-time hero. That honour belonged to Fernando Gomes, prolific Golden Boot winner of the 1980s and after whom Nuno Miguel Soares Pereira Ribeiro was nicknamed.

He says: "Fernando Gomes was my ultimate football hero when I was a boy. He scored and scored and scored." Nuno Gomes still has a poster of his hero pinned to the wall in the family home at Amarante, some 40 miles from Oporto.

Here he was born on July 5, 1976, finding his way, at 14, into the youth school of Boavista, the 'second' club in Oporto. His talent soon shone through and he became a youth international before progressing into the Under-21 squad and travelling to the 1996 Olympic Games in Atlanta.

He proved an ideal partner in attack for Jimmy Floyd Hasselbaink at Boavista, and it was while there he met and married wife Laura – starting the habit of kissing his wedding ring to celebrate each goal. That is adding up to a lot of kisses.

In three seasons with Boavista, Nuno Gomes scored 60 League goals and won the Portuguese Cup. Inevitably, one of the Big Three (Benfica, Porto and Sporting) came calling. In the case of Nuno Gomes, it was Benfica.

He finished fourth-highest scorer in the League but it was far from certain that he would go to the European finals. Ideally, Portugal hoped FC Porto's Brazil-born forward Mario Jardel could gain citizenship, but that idea was dropped through lack of time. Next, coach Coelho considered using volatile Ricardo Sa Pinto, then with Real Sociedad, but injury blocked that path.

Thus it was by default that Nuno Gomes earned his place in the national squad, in the mauve shirt of Fiorentina...and, of course, in front of UEFA's disciplinary commission.

Keir Radnedge

Fact file

Club Fiorentina (Ita)
Country Portugal
Born July 5, 1976, in Amarante
Previous clubs Boavista, Benfica
International debut January 1996, v France
International caps 17 (4 goals)
Honours Portuguese Cup 1997 (Boavista)

Barça blues

Jeff King reports on a testing start to the season in Catalonia

THE Catalan sports media normally wait a couple of months before proclaiming Barcelona red-hot favourites to win the Champions League. But such was the desire to praise new coach Llorenc Serra Ferrer – and, by extension, damn his predecessor Louis Van Gaal – that the new model Barça were dubbed world-beaters by local scribes after just two games of the 2000-01 campaign.

As if home wins against Spanish journeymen Malaga and injury-ravaged Leeds were any test of greatness. After four defeats in the next five games, Serra Ferrer would discover that pre-emptive media strikes work both ways.

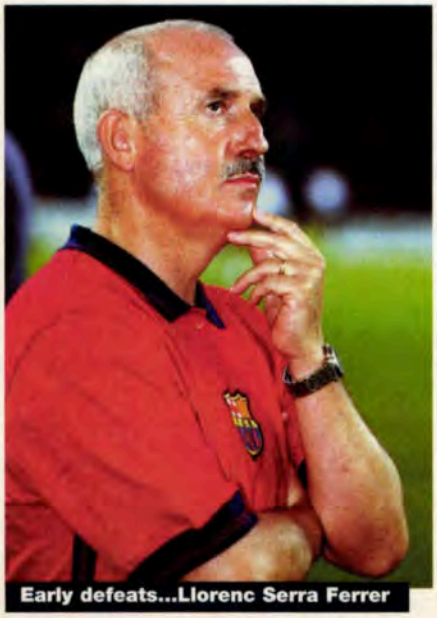
At Athletic Bilbao (a 3-1 defeat) and Besiktas (3-0), Barcelona wasted a string of chances early on and were then punished for comical lapses in defence. Against Milan (2-0 at home) and Deportivo (2-0), Serra Ferrer ditched his much hyped three-man defence in an attempt to plug the gaps. But more bodies at the back was obviously not the answer.

No one doubts that Rivaldo and co will rediscover their scoring touch. Unfortunately, Barça's defensive problems are not merely about how the coach deploys his resources.

At 30, Abelardo is beyond the stage in his career where he can be expected to eliminate the lapses of concentration that have always plagued his game. Oliver Bierhoff sealed Milan's victory at Camp Nou with a free header in the box; the last time the German had that much space was on a ski piste in the Alps.

Sergi's marauding runs down the left flank may look good in the highlight reels, but like Abelardo his positional sense is highly suspect. And Frank De Boer, also 30, is not about to discover a change of pace that is anything from slow to snail-like.

But Barcelona's defensive failings are not just about the personnel at the back. Serra Ferrer's decision to start the season with De la Pena, Overmars, Gerard and Simao in the same midfield was tantamount to leaving the defence to its own devices.


Early defeats...Llorenc Serra Ferrer

Emmanuel Petit, who started only three of Barça's first six games, makes more tackles in the average 90 minutes than that quartet manage in a season. The injured Philip Cocu was also sorely missed in Bilbao and Istanbul.

After the debacle at Besiktas, Barça's vice-president Angel Fernandez accused the players of performing like a bunch of "ballroom dancers". Back home in Barcelona, club president Joan Gaspart led him grovelling into the dressing-room to beg forgiveness. However, one of Camp Nou's mollycoddled stars would soon concede that Fernandez's comments about Barça's lack of steel were not wide of the mark.

Petit missed the home defeat against Milan with gastroenteritis and his post-match analysis was far more lucid than anything his team-mates produced on the field.

> 'We lack balls. Any team that fights for the ball will give us problems. We need to be more aggressive' – Emmanuel Petit

"We lack balls," said the Frenchman. "Any team that fights hard for every ball will give us problems. Obviously we have the talent to do better, but we need to be more aggressive."

Serra Ferrer forged his reputation as a coach at Betis and Mallorca with sides that were cautious in the extreme. Blinded by the lights of the big time, he began his debut season at Barcelona playing a game called 'Look, I field more attackers than Louis Van Gaal'.

Perhaps it is time he digs out his old coaching manual. Five of Barça's six games in October are away: after a losing start to the month at Depor, they travel to Real Sociedad, Milan, Leeds and Mallorca. Their only home game is hardly likely to provide a breather, either: step forward Luis Figo and Real Madrid on October 21.

The metronomic mood swings that characterise Barcelona's day to day existence have already sparked rumours about Serra Ferrer's future. Just seven games into the season, Gaspart had to go on record and state that the coach's job was safe.

"The players are the ones who win and lose football matches," insisted the Barça president, "not the coach."

However, even before that potentially Black October the rumour mill was grinding out the usual suspects: Marcello Lippi, Sven Goran Eriksson and Fabio Capello were among the big names mentioned ahead of next season.

Predictably, Johan Cruyff's name is also back in the ring. Cruyff has not spoken to Gaspart since former president Josep Lluis Nunez dispatched his then number two to sack the Dutchman in May 1996. Legend has it that that encounter finished with fisticuffs and flying chairs. But in his summer election campaign, Gaspart indicated a desire to kiss and make-up. "Johan and I were close friends for eight years and mad at each other for just five minutes," he said.

Vulnerable veteran...defender Abelardo

The Dutchman, who still lives a 10-minute drive from Camp Nou, has made it clear that his days on the bench are over. But Gaspart could offer him a role as Barça's general manager: a kind of antidote to Jorge Valdano at Real Madrid.

One stumbling block is the continuing presence of Carles Rexach at Barcelona. As Barça players in the 1970s, Cruyff and Rexach were inseparable. And the Catalan coach was Cruyff's assistant as Barça won four consecutive League titles in the early 1990s. But when his mentor was sacked in 1996, Rexach elected to stay on board, first as caretaker coach and then as part of Bobby Robson and Louis Van Gaal's staff.

After an unsuccessful coaching spell in Japan, Rexach is back at Camp Nou as Gaspart's personal assessor. If Serra Ferrer were to be sacrificed, he is the

prime candidate to step in as caretaker. Given that Cruyff still harbours a grudge against Rexach for his lack of solidarity, Gaspart could be faced with an either/or situation.

Like Barcelona, Real Madrid started the season shipping too many goals. Unlike their arch rivals, the European champions did not leave their shooting boots on the beach.

It is official. Not only can Madrid score without convalescing centre-forward Fernando Morientes, they can score without Raul, who missed a brace of games with lumbago.

Says coach Vicente Del Bosque: "I can understand why people were alarmed by Fernando's injury and losing Raul is always a blow, but I always said we had plenty of attacking options."

Midfielder-cum-striker Guti and Roberto Carlos were among those who took up the slack. Both players scored four goals in Madrid's first six games. Of course, it helps when you have the world's most expensive footballer to provide the assists. Figo laid on five of Madrid's first nine League goals, including all three of Guti's. "Nobody crosses the ball like Luis," says Spanish international Guti, "his assists are worth half a goal: all the rest of us have to do is push the ball over the line."

Figo's transfer may have been shrouded in controversy, but Del Bosque knew the Portuguese ace would make the right kind of headlines once on the Madrid payroll. "It was a difficult decision for Luis to leave Barcelona and come here, but his past is not what counts – what matters is that he's football crazy," says the coach. "He is a model professional and understands what defending Real Madrid's colours means."

Unlike the club's previous record signing, it seems. "Nicolas Anelka is an egomaniac," says Del Bosque, a man so diplomatic he would count to 10 before condemning a serial killer. "He never identified with Real Madrid and even now keeps criticising us. We bent over backwards to help Nicolas integrate but he made it impossible – it was like talking to a brick wall."

The air of change at Real Madrid is evident in other ways. In their first two League games Del Bosque's side came from behind to avoid defeat: scoring twice in the last 13 minutes to beat Valencia and grabbing a draw at Malaga from 3-1 down.

In their Champions League opener at Sporting Lisbon, Madrid drew 2-2 after trailing by two goals at the break. Then at Bayer Leverkusen, they twice came from behind to win 3-2. That latter victory was Real Madrid's first in 15 attempts in Germany. As new sports director Jorge Valdano (profiled right) puts it: "This Real Madrid side are learning how to roll their sleeves up and play in the ugly games."

Deportivo have never been accused of turning down a 90-minute date just because it did not boast a pretty face. Their seven-game unbeaten start to the season included hard-fought draws at Juventus and Panathinaikos.

Valencia's 1999-00 title bid effectively ended before it started, the team taking just one point in the opening six games. After an undeserved 2-1 defeat at Real Madrid in this year's debut, Hector Cuper's side won their next six games at home and abroad. Thirteen goals in their first five League games suggests there may be life after 'Piojo' Lopez after all.

Pro-file Jorge Valdano

Former coach charged with hiring and firing at Real Madrid

JORGE VALDANO'S remit as Real Madrid's new sports director includes acting as club spokesman so that camera-shy president Florentino Perez can concentrate on tackling the club's £170million debt.

In the 25 years since he joined Alaves as a teenage striker, Valdano has carved out a niche as Spanish football's most loquacious player/coach/media pundit. Over the past couple of years he has sharpened his debating skills at conferences organised by his own sports management company, 'Make A Team'. But the 1986 World Cup-winner is not being paid £500,000 a year to be poetic or to massage the Real Madrid players' egos with soothing words. The Argentinian's prime responsibility is hiring and firing.

At the press conference to announce his return to Bernabeu, Valdano admitted that Real Madrid were in the market for a new centre-forward. The evidence suggests that the 45-year-old native of Santa Fe is not the world's greatest talent-spotter.

Shortly after becoming Real coach in 1994, Valdano uttered a phrase that would come back to haunt him. "There are five centre-forwards at this club and Ivan Zamorano is fifth in line." Undaunted, the Chilean striker dug in his heels and refused to leave the Bernabeu. He went on to score 28 goals as Madrid won the 1995 title.

Six months after leading Madrid to the title Valdano was sacked. Next stop for the great talent-spotter was Valencia. But his spell at Mestalla lasted barely nine months. That was long enough for him to recruit five players whose prime function was to wreak havoc in and around the opposition box. Unfortunately, Romario, Marcelinho Carioca, Ariel Ortega, Moussa Saib and Guillermo Morigi all proved to be disaster areas per se.

Valdano was axed after Valencia's three-game losing start to the 1997-98 season, and the club's subsequent resurgence under Claudio Ranieri was largely thanks to the goals of 'Piojo' Lopez, a player Valdano insisted had no future at Mestalla.

Valdano also tried to offload Gaizka Mendieta to Athletic Bilbao in 1997. Ranieri promptly made Mendieta captain. A quartet of players Valdano did manage to get rid of were Valeri Karpin, Enrique Romero, Vicente Engonga and Ivan Campo. Now at Celta, Karpin is not far behind Mendieta as the Spanish League's most complete midfielder; the other three have all gone on to play for Spain.

The law of averages means Valdano doesn't always get it wrong. It was the Argentinian who pitched the 17-year-old Raul into Real Madrid's first team in 1994 after just one game in the reserves. The striker has been Madrid's most decisive player ever since and swears by Valdano. He even called his baby son Jorge. Michael Laudrup, out of contract at Barça, and bargain-buy Fernando Redondo were also unqualified successes. And while at Valencia, Valdano poached Gerard away from Barcelona's youth academy.

Valdano's character creates friends and enemies in equal measure. Acolytes lap up the Argentinian's eloquent defence of the Cesar Luis Menotti 'football as an art form' school of thought. Detractors claim that all the pompous quotes in the world do not disguise Valdano's flawed grasp of the game's basics.

This is the man who once said: "I am interested in football as entertainment. You have to play attractively. Otherwise it's like making love to a tree" – without laughing. Valdano's haughty demeanour also breeds misgivings.

What no one doubts is his commitment to Real Madrid. The Argentinian is a romantic with a genuine attachment to the club's glorious tradition. In both 1992 and 1993 Madrid lost the League title after last-day defeats by a Tenerife side coached by Valdano.

After that second defeat the Argentinian pledged to one day give back what he had taken away from his footballing first love. He delivered in part with that 1995 League title.

Now – dubious taste in centre-forwards allowing – he has the chance to make a more lasting impact at Real Madrid.

Jeff King

King Otto deposed

Nick Bidwell on the end of Rehhagel's reign at Kaiserslautern

NOT EVEN royalty are safe from the occasional palace revolution. Ask 'King' Otto Rehhagel, the most successful Bundesliga coach of all time, who recently bowed to public pressure by throwing in the towel at Kaiserslautern.

How quickly a tide can turn. After leading the 'Lauterer' to the Second Division title in 1997 and the Bundesliga shield the following season – a unique feat in German football – Rehhagel had the fans worshipping at his feet. But supporters can be fickle creatures, and with Kaiserslautern failing to qualify for the Champions League in either of the two most recent campaigns and Rehhagel's brusque manner and dictatorial methods beginning to rankle, the enormous well of sympathy he once enjoyed sprang a leak.

Fallen idol...the fickle fans quickly lost faith in Rehhagel

This term it finally ran dry. Just two wins in their opening six League games and an embarrassing 1-0 defeat at home to Bohemians of Dublin in a UEFA Cup tie had the Red Devils' faithful baying for blood. By the time bottom-of-the-table Energie Cottbus came to town in late September, Rehhagel's job was well and truly on the line.

In an atmosphere of open hostility towards both coach and players, Kaiserslautern could do no better than hold out for a 1-1 draw, which left them hovering just above the relegation zone. For such a proud man as Rehhagel there could really only be one response to the repeated choruses of "Otto out" ringing around the Betzenberg stadium – to quit.

Twenty-four hours later the inevitable news broke that 62-year-old Rehhagel had tendered his resignation to club chief executive Jurgen Friedrich, who played alongside Rehhagel for Kaiserslautern in the late 1960s, and that it had been reluctantly accepted. An era had ended.

Central defender Harry Koch sadly noted that Rehhagel had been "hunted like a dog", and Friedrich did not appear to disagree. "It was unreasonable and an unworthy way to treat a human being," said the chief executive. "I understand our fans becoming frustrated by poor results, but I find it sad that a minority of vociferous supporters can dictate events and make a coach's position untenable. Otto is one of the great coaches of German football. He brought untold success to us and was a guiding light and a friend to me."

Three weeks earlier, Andreas Zachhuber was dismissed by Hansa Rostock to

Inconsistency rules

The championship has been marked by erratic form, writes Andre Duclos

COME what may, the embattled fans of Marseille still turn up in their tens of thousands, though their team seem unlikely to enjoy much success this season having been obliged to sell such midfield stars as Peter Luccin and Stephane Dalmat, and replace them with cheaper, less accomplished players.

One of the new arrivals, 22-year-old Brazilian midfielder Adriano, is capable of sudden and spectacular pieces of virtuosity, but by and large he is unlikely to be the answer to the prayers of his fellow Brazilian coach, Abel Braga.

General manager Eric Di Meco, once such a dashing, adventurous, muscular left-back, won't have any of this. Adriano, he says, must be given his chance, and he draws a somewhat unlikely comparison with the tall and powerful Brazilian Rai, who also in his day took time to settle down in France.

Di Meco may be proved right but in the meanwhile time is hardly on the side of his team. Yet his claim that had luck only gone the way of Marseille when they lost 1-0 at home to Bordeaux in an indifferent match was not wholly illogical. Had Cyril Pouget only put away just one of three excellent chances in the first 30 minutes, things could have been so different.

And as Di Meco also pointed out, when his team shocked Monaco at the start of the season, people were even talking about them as future champions.

Early on it did look as if things might go better, especially after a 3-1 success over Guingamp. Bruno N'Gotty, who arrived in the summer from Milan, was very optimistic.

Largely known as a right-back, he has been operating this season as a sweeper, doing his best to marshal a defence that has looked pretty rocky at times. He says he was glad to leave Milan for a club where he could claim a regular place, but admits that if another major foreign club had come in for him, he would have been happy to go there.

The form of the Champions League contenders has been patchy, suggesting that this is going to be another season in which there will be a scant French challenge. Paris Saint-Germain's Luccin was right to warn that Rosenborg should not be underrated, for PSG went down with a bang first time out in Norway, though they rallied with victories over Helsingborgs and Bayern Munich.

Monaco also had a bad start, losing 1-0 at home to Rangers, though a subsequent 5-0 win over Sturm Graz has given them some hope of qualifying for the second phase.

Form in the domestic League has been bizarrely haphazard. Just as one team is being praised, so it suddenly slips up. A good example is Lens, obliged season by season to rebuild after selling off star players. A 3-0 defeat at Lyon was particularly painful, not least because they had their former striker, Tony Vairelles, lining up against them. Though he lasted only 32 minutes, his replacement, Steve Marlet, proceeded to score two spectacular goals.

Bastia, of all unlikely clubs, have had their spell at the top of the table, though they seem as inconsistent as everyone else. Nevertheless, their 28-year-old midfielder Yann Lacheur remains optimistic. "We know we shall not be forever on top, but the adventure hasn't ended," he said after Rennes had come to Bastia and won 2-1 and a week after Bastia themselves had walked all over Strasbourg in Alsace.

"Bastia's chief ambition must be to stay afloat, then to play the role of troublemaker. If midway

become the first managerial casualty of the season. True, Hansa had got off to a disastrous start to the new campaign, losing their first three matches, but it was still hard on Zachhuber, who in the two previous seasons had made light of limited resources to preserve Rostock's top-flight status.

The board initially had more than a few problems in filling the vacancy, being turned down by ex-Duisburg coach Friedhelm Funkel, former East Germany national team boss Bernd Stange and one-time Stuttgart team manager Joachim Low. However, a second approach to Funkel bore fruit.

Indeed, Funkel, who was considered as a possible assistant for new Germany boss Rudi Voller before Michael Skibbe got the job, has enjoyed a dream start to life at Hansa – notably steering them to sensational wins at Bayer Leverkusen (2-1) and Bayern Munich (1-0).

Though the Bavarian moneybags were in their habitual perch on top of the table at the beginning of October, two defeats in their opening seven League games – a 2-1 reverse at Stuttgart was the other setback – is hardly the hallmark of the invincible.

On the evidence available thus far, Bayern's closest challengers for the title could well be a resurgent Schalke, who began the new campaign with a six-match unbeaten run.

Meanwhile, German national team coach designate, Bayer Leverkusen boss Christoph Daum, continues to be the focus of a media feeding frenzy. Following Leverkusen's mediocre start to the season and reports that a rift had opened up between him and a number of his players, some questioned his suitability for an international brief. Even Daum himself admitted he was having second thoughts about taking over from caretaker Voller in June 2001.

But the bout of cold feet did not last long and Daum confirmed he would indeed be in charge of the 'Nationalmannschaft' next season.

However, it was then that state prosecutors in Cologne announced they were investigating him for alleged fraud and embezzlement. Following that, ever-controversial Bayern Munich general manager Uli Hoeness waded in with what many considered an over-the-top personal attack, claiming Daum had links with prostitution and drugs, and arguing that he could not possibly be the next coach of Germany. Daum says he will sue for defamation. This is one unsavoury episode which seems set to run and run.

Push and pull...Bordeaux's Smertin and Dos Santos of Marseille

through the season we are still up among the leaders, we can nurture new ambitions."

There have already been coaching casualties among the struggling clubs. Saint-Etienne's Robert Nouzaret was the first to go, following a 3-2 defeat at Strasbourg. They had won just two of their first nine games. A week later, it was the turn of Alain Giresse. The former international midfield player's record at the helm of newly-promoted Toulouse was even worse than Nouzaret's – one win from 10 games – so it was perhaps hardly surprising that his six-year tenure came to a close.

Pro-file Farid Mondragon

Colombian keeper making his mark at Metz

DURING the 1998 World Cup finals, a booker from a Parisian model agency described Colombian keeper Farid Mondragon as just the sort of man they would like strutting up and down their catwalk. These days, however, it is Mondragon's prowess in goal for Metz rather than his looks that is turning heads in France.

Mondragon has wasted no time making an impact in French football following his £2million summer move from Argentina's Independiente. On the evidence of the opening weeks of the campaign, when Metz conceded only five goals in their first eight games, he appeared the complete keeper and thoroughly deserved to be voted Player of the Month for August.

Mondragon's marvellous efforts with Metz contrast starkly with his previous taste of European club football. He left Independiente in December 1998 for a loan spell with Zaragoza, but barely made a ripple in the Liga pool and trudged back to base within months. "I was not given a proper chance in Zaragoza, life was made impossible for me," says Mondragon. "I was abused, I was taken advantage of as a player and a human being. I was discriminated against."

Strong words, indeed. But at least he has put his career firmly back on track thanks to a renaissance in a second stint at Independiente and now at Metz.

There remains just one void in Mondragon's career – his continued absence from the national team. He was cast in many quarters of his nation's media as one of the guilty parties in Colombia's failure to progress beyond the first round of France 98 and has been out of favour ever since.

At times, the frustration of watching the likes of Oscar Cordoba or Miguel Calero in the Colombia goal has spilled over. Mondragon definitely did himself no favours with some critical remarks about the national team's performances during the 1999 Copa America.

Nonetheless, he has not given up hope of adding to his 26 full caps. "Playing for my country is not something I can take or leave," he says. "My tears after we had lost to England at France 98 proved what the national team means to me."

But for now he is focusing on – and enjoying – his club career. "In Metz I have found an intimate club and a team which is not content just to survive," he says.

"Our victory over League favourites Paris Saint-Germain showed what we are made of."

Nick Bidwell

Fact file

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Country Colombia
Born June 21, 1971, in Cali
Previous clubs Sporting Cali, Independiente Santa Fe, Cerro Porteno (Par), Deportivo Cali, Independiente (Arg), Zaragoza (Spa), Independiente (Arg)
International debut May 1993, v Venezuela
International caps 26
Honours South American Super Cup 1995 (Independiente)

Chelsea call for Ranieri

Gavin Hamilton on the latest changes at Stamford Bridge

CHELSEA have turned their back on recent tradition with the appointment of Claudio Ranieri as coach in place of fellow Italian Gianluca Vialli.

After hiring three player-coaches – Vialli, Glenn Hoddle and Ruud Gullit – Chelsea chairman Ken Bates hopes the experienced Ranieri can bring discipline and stability to Chelsea's League challenge.

Ranieri, who speaks no English, has signalled his intention to forsake the rotation system employed by Vialli. Speaking through an interpreter on his first day at the club's training ground, he said: "If a player is playing well he will be in the Chelsea team. It does not seem right to me to drop a player if he has been doing well.

"I believe it is important that a collection of 12 or 13 players get used to playing with each other. Then they know how to do that, and hopefully how to win, by memory."

Ranieri refused to comment on rumoured player unrest under his predecessor, instead saying: "It is too early for me to say if there are prima donnas in the squad. It is certainly important that everyone – players, staff and supporters – unite behind our cause.

"It does not matter whether you are a famous name in my club. You will be treated the same, from the youth team to the first team."

Money is available for new signings, and Ranieri suggested that he will break with recent tradition at Stamford Bridge and sign some English players. "I think that there has to be an English backbone to the team," he said. "It's the same in Italy and in Spain, where the backbone of the team has to come from the country in which you are playing."

Vialli's sacking was a shock, coming as it did after just five games, and having won five trophies in less than two years. But given Bates and his reported inability to work alongside other strong personalities, it was perhaps not so surprising.

The danger for Vialli in managing such a diverse squad of talented and opinionated players was that he would lose respect and control. Bates certainly feared this, and took pre-emptive action.

Ranieri could not have had a more difficult start to his career in England: away to Manchester United in his first game. But Chelsea acquitted themselves well, taking advantage of slack defending to recover from being 3-1 down to draw 3-3.

Ranieri proved himself to be a clever tactician, making changes at half-time which Alex Ferguson acknowledged afterwards had altered the balance of the match. "They changed to three in the middle in the second half and controlled the game," the United manager conceded. "It meant we couldn't operate the way we like."

There was another positive result for Chelsea in the League, when they beat Liverpool 3-0 at home, but by then they had crashed out of the UEFA Cup, humiliated by St Gallen.

Problems for the Blues...Chelsea crashed out of the UEFA Cup, beaten by St Gallen

Chelsea's discomfort at the result was compounded by a broken leg suffered by midfielder Roberto Di Matteo.

Although Arsenal have been impressive in their Champions League encounters so far, particularly when beating Lazio 2-0 at Highbury, there were other disappointing results for English clubs in European competition. In the UEFA Cup, Leicester were beaten by Red Star Belgrade, while Liverpool scraped through with a goalless draw at home to Rapid Bucharest after winning 1-0 in Romania.

In the Champions League, Alex Ferguson gambled by fielding a below-par United team against PSV, and lost 3-1 in Eindhoven.

Ferguson had rested David Beckham and Ryan Giggs ahead of the League game against Arsenal the following weekend, but the plan backfired spectacularly as a weakened United defence comprising Mickael Silvestre, Wes Brown and the Neville brothers was undone by a PSV attack led by the young Yugoslavian Mateja Kezman.

Worse was to come a few days later at Highbury when a wondergoal by Thierry Henry delivered a huge psychological blow to United's title aspirations.

Arsenal's 1-0 win brought them level on points with the champions, but both were behind surprise challengers Leicester, who topped the table before the break for World Cup qualifying matches.

Leicester have adapted well to the summer departure of manager Martin O'Neill and the arrival of his replacement, Peter Taylor. Team spirit and commitment, the qualities that were the hallmarks of O'Neill's reign, have been maintained, a fact for which Taylor, the former England Under-21 manager, must take the credit.

"The players have played their hearts out this season," Taylor says. "Nobody can doubt the ability of Manchester United and Arsenal and Leeds and Liverpool, but we've got ability at Leicester as well and a bunch of players who are working very, very hard for each other. They call themselves the grinders and they're grinding out results."

The fact that Leicester went top of the table after a goalless draw at Sunderland says a lot about their playing style. "I don't think we're over-defensive," insists Taylor. "We are trying to be more creative but everything I am doing is exactly the same as last season at Gillingham when we scored over 100 goals in all competitions. It's just that it's harder to score in the Premiership."

Taylor's biggest challenge now is finding a replacement for wayward striker Stan Collymore, who has been placed on the transfer list at his own request after struggling to win a first-team place.

SCOTLAND

Rangers close in on European target

RANGERS' long-cherished ambition to progress to the latter stages of the Champions League came a lot closer to being fulfilled when they recorded memorable back-to-back victories over Sturm Graz and Monaco.

The Ibrox club's outings in this competition have invariably ended in disappointment in recent years, but this time manager Dick Advocaat appears to have got the blend of players just about right.

Against Monaco in Monte Carlo, Advocaat's renowned tactical brilliance was illustrated by his decision, greeted with incredulity initially, to field Turkish international midfielder Tugay Kerimoglu as a sweeper. The Turk, however, produced the performance of his life behind the Rangers back four and helped his team to one of their greatest European results.

Although Rangers subsequently lost 3-2 away to Galatasaray, they remain in a strong position to qualify for the second phase.

Sweeper for Rangers...Tugay

Meanwhile, Celtic fans, who have become accustomed to sluggish starts, were suitably heartened by the upbeat manner in which their team began the current League campaign, racing to no less than eight successive victories under the inspirational managership of Martin O'Neill.

The Parkhead side's run was halted, somewhat surprisingly, when they were held to a draw by struggling Aberdeen, but O'Neill's men retained their European momentum with a narrow win over HJK Helsinki in the UEFA Cup.

Hibernian, in the charge of former Scotland defender Alex McLeish, have continued to show good form, despite the loss of Kenny Miller and Didier Agathe, to Rangers and Celtic respectively. Their departures have to some degree been compensated by the arrival of French striker David Zitelli. At present Hibs appear to be the only team in Scotland capable of mounting a realistic challenge to the Old Firm duopoly.

Alan Fairley

WALES

Cwmbran set the pace

AFTER SIX rounds of League matches, Cwmbran Town emphasised their title credentials by going three points clear at the top. Their defence is playing exceptionally well behind a creative midfield, and the squad has depth too.

Barry Town have made a slow start following their UEFA Cup ventures. They also had a League match postponed after keeper Lee Kendall and midfielder Lee Phillips were called up for the Wales Under-21 squad to play Belarus. Both players were also selected for the matches against Norway and Poland.

Champions Total Network Solutions have also struggled and are already out of the League Cup.

Carmarthen Town are up with the leaders after a slow start. The highlight so far was the 5-1 demolition of neighbours Llanelli, who have had a disastrous start under new manager John Lewis.

Mel Thomas

N. IRELAND

Six of the best for Linfield

CHAMPIONS Linfield were the only unbeaten team in the Premier Division after the first six matches of the League campaign. Belfast rivals Glentoran lost their undefeated record when they were thumped 5-2 away to struggling Coleraine.

The performance of Glentoran, who have struggled to find any sort of consistency, was described by manager Roy Coyle as "the worst since I became manager three years ago".

Teams who have impressed so far this season include Cliftonville, who avoided relegation last season only by beating First Division Ards in a play-off.

Roy Kitson

Pro-file Winston Bogarde

Surrounded by controversy but oozing confidence

HE IS liked and loathed in equal measure by those who have played alongside him, but one commodity Winston Bogarde can never be accused of lacking is confidence. The man signed by Chelsea on a free transfer from Barcelona boasts a self-belief stronger than most.

Quite why there were no takers for the accomplished Dutch international when it became obvious that Barça were keen to off-load him is hard to understand.

Then, having spent a couple of months on the sidelines and out of the first-team picture in Spain, Chelsea handed him a lifeline.

But the move was soon to prove controversial. Press reports in England suggested that Blues manager Gianluca Vialli was unaware of Bogarde's arrival at Stamford Bridge and that his evening meal in a London restaurant was disturbed when a fan broke the news to him.

A matter of days later, Vialli was sacked and replaced by another Italian, Claudio Ranieri, with Bogarde cast as the figure who sparked the downfall of the former international forward.

Bogarde dismisses the suggestion in typically abrasive style. "Chelsea signed me because I'm a player who can give a lot to their side," the Dutchman asserts. "To say the manager didn't want me just isn't true.

"In any case, Vialli has now gone and we have a new manager to work with. Ranieri is a respected coach and I know him from his time in Spain. I'm sure he will be a good appointment for Chelsea."

Despite the off-field distractions caused by his arrival, Bogarde will not be knocked off track by controversy.

After winning trophies with Ajax in the mid-1990s, Bogarde's move to Milan was doomed to failure and his stay at Barcelona was only marginally more successful. "I had some problems in the final days at Barcelona, but most of my time there was successful," states Bogarde. "This is a new challenge for me and one I have always wanted. Playing in England has been an ambition for me and now that I am here, I expect to play in the side regularly. I accept Chelsea have a big squad, but that doesn't frighten me.

"I've played for some of the biggest clubs in the world and also with Holland, so I'm confident in my ability."

If confidence was a commodity lacking during Chelsea's shaky start to the season, they may just have signed the perfect tonic. Alternatively, Ranieri could have acquired the type of egotistical footballer many feel is at the root of Chelsea's inconsistencies.

Brian Kelly

Fact file

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International debut December 1995, v Republic of Ireland
International caps 19 (0 goals)
Honours World Club Cup 1995 (Ajax); European Super Cup 1995 (Ajax); Dutch League 1995, 1996 (Ajax); Spanish League 1998; Spanish Cup 1998

Sollied enjoys golden start

Club Brugge are beating all-comers, writes Nicholas Harling

BELGIUM

100 per cent...Trond Sollied has led Club Brugge to eight straight wins since the season began

AS CLUB BRUGGE headed inexorably towards a record-breaking start to a domestic campaign, they also influenced the first coaching change in the top division. The end of Henk Houwaart's desperately brief reign at Gent came when a 6-2 defeat away to Brugge was followed by an even more humiliating 6-0 home loss to Ajax in the UEFA Cup.

It was the second worst home defeat suffered by a Belgian club in Europe, one goal short of the rout endured by Standard Liege at the hands of Arsenal in 1993, after which Rene Vandereycken was relieved of his duties.

Houwaart was succeeded at Gent by his assistant, Herman Vermeulen, who presided over a swift change of fortunes. Gent pulled impressively clear of the relegation zone, creating controversy along the way when they were 'awarded' a 3-0 home win over Beveren. That was the score when the game was abandoned after a referee's assistant was struck on the head by a stone.

Houwaart's predecessor at Gent, Trond Sollied is, meanwhile, enjoying a dream start at Brugge, who continued on their irresistible marches in both the UEFA Cup and in the League. If the Norwegian coach half expected his side to falter after he was forced to sell Senegalese striker Khalilou Fadiga to Auxerre for £2million – replacing him with the Croatian Josip Simic from Zagreb – there were no apparent signs. A 6-0 win at Harelbeke was followed by a 5-2 romp against bottom-of-the-table Mechelen, whose plight was not helped by the early dismissal of defender Sammy Greven.

That was of little concern to Gert Verheyen whose two goals, which took his overall tally to nine, made him an immediate target for Ipswich. With eight successive victories, during which they averaged four goals a game, Brugge equalled the start accomplished three years ago by Eric Gerets' side, who went on to become champions.

Brugge's nearest challengers are Anderlecht, eager to atone for their lapses in Europe. Their 3-0 win at Antwerp was followed inevitably by hooliganism in the streets near the stadium. The mayor of Antwerp ordered the club not to schedule any more games for Saturday nights, which was why Antwerp opted for the Bank Holiday afternoon of November 1 as the new date for their match against Genk. The original game had to be postponed when a floodlight fell on the pitch during a storm.

SWITZERLAND

Chapuisat stays put - and scores

GRASSHOPPER supporters were outraged when they learned that the club's newly-appointed sports manager had approached record signing Stephane Chapuisat about a possible move to Saudi Arabia to help clear the Zurich club's debts.

However, Chapuisat, sidelined since April through injury, insisted that he would remain with Grasshopper. On his return to action, after 10 rounds of the new season, the international proved his worth by scoring a sparkling hat-trick in the 6-0 rout of Aarau.

After 13 games, Lugano remained top of the table with 27 points, three ahead of Lausanne.

St Gallen were the most impressive of the four Swiss UEFA Cup sides, beating Chelsea 2-0 at home after going down 1-0 in the first leg.

Lausanne and Basle also made it through, against Torpedo Moscow and Brann Bergen respectively, but Zurich lost home and away to Genk.

Ivar von Rulach

PORTUGAL

Heynckes out after poor displays

BENFICA'S unimpressive start to the season has led to the departure of German coach Jupp Heynckes.

Poor performances at the Stadium of Light and a 2-0 defeat at FC Porto on the opening day of the season led to Benfica chairman Joao Vale e Azevedo asking Heynckes to leave his post just over a year after taking the reins.

His replacement is Jose Mourinho, the former assistant to Bobby Robson at Sporting Lisbon, FC Porto and Barcelona, where he also was second in command to Louis Van Gaal. Mourinho's appointment has caused some anger among Benfica supporters, who feel that his standing in the game is not sufficient to merit leading a club of such stature.

After six rounds of the championship, Benfica were in mid-table, six points behind Sporting Braga and city rivals Sporting, who jointly led the title race on 13 points.

Alberto da Silva

REP IRELAND

Eircom Park given the nod

THE FAI has finally received planning permission to build the Eircom Park stadium, but there are still a few hurdles to be overcome before work can commence.

The site is close to Baldonnel airport and the FAI must convince South Dublin County Council that the stadium will not affect the line of flight.

In the League, St Patrick's Athletic manager Pat Dolan has insisted that he will not be stepping down, despite the club's lowly position in the Premier Division.

The Saints, champions twice in the past three seasons, have had a disastrous start and were propping up the table after six games without a win.

Pat Byrne has quit as manager of newly-promoted Kilkenny City for the second time. He has been in constant trouble with the League over non-payment of fines and criticism of referees. Byrne's replacement is Joe McGrath, most recently with Bohemians.

Sean Creedon

LUXEMBOURG

Etzella begin well

NEWLY-PROMOTED Etzella Ettlebruck have made an excellent start to the season. The team, managed by international midfielder Luc Holtz, recorded some fine victories, including a 1-0 defeat of Cup holders Jeunesse d'Esch, to lie second in the League after six games. Champions F91 Dudelange were three points clear after winning all their games.

Jeunesse's poor early form led to the dismissal of coach Erich Burzle, who was replaced by Jean-Pierre Barboni.

Tim Brice

HOLLAND

Adriaanse shows he means business

NEW Ajax coach Co Adriaanse has been forthright in his attempts to lift the club out of their crisis of the past two seasons, his first action being to relieve his players of some of the pressure placed upon them to succeed.

He declared that Ajax will not be title contenders this term and that their goal should be to secure a top-five spot. Even this more modest ambition is forcing Adriaanse to take unpopular measures, but he has not been afraid to do so.

He told Frank Verlaat, Jan Van Halst, Peter Hoekstra, Dani and Wamberto that they no longer figured in his plans, and has not been slow to let first-team players know if their form has not been good enough. Shota Arveladze was replaced immediately after missing several clear chances against Sparta, Aron Winter only made the bench against RBC after under-performing, and Richard Witschge lost his place for not giving, as the coach saw it, 100 per cent in training.

Adriaanse, a former director of Ajax's famous youth system, is keen to give young home-bred talent a chance, and has already offered first-team chances to the likes of Kevin Bobson, Andy Van der Meyde, Cedric Van der Gun and Brutil Hos.

The coach's policy may not have paid off so far in the League, but Ajax's UEFA Cup form has been impressive. They thrashed Gent 9-0 on aggregate in the first round to go through to the next stage, along with Feyenoord and Vitesse. In the Champions League, PSV's impressive 3-1 home win over an admittedly under-strength Manchester United has put them on course to qualify for the second phase, but Heerenveen's three defeats have almost certainly eliminated them.

Macedonian international Georgi Hristov has settled in quickly at NEC since his summer move from English First Division side Barnsley. He hit seven goals in the first four matches, leaving him one behind Sparta's Ali Elkhattabi in the scorers' table.

Klaas-Jan Droppert

Suffering...Winter was one Ajax player to fall foul of Adriaanse

Pro-file Jan Vennegoor of Hesselink

Long-named Twente striker not short on talent

IT MAY be a bit of a tongue-twister, but Jan Vennegoor of Hesselink is definitely a name to remember. Not only because it is probably the longest in football, but also because the 21-year-old striker is hot property.

His form for Twente last season alerted Holland's biggest clubs and many big foreign ones to his potential. But so far no one has persuaded him to leave the Enschede-based side.

"I'm perfectly happy and can still learn a lot at Twente. So why should I leave?" says Vennegoor of Hesselink. "Here I will get playing time, while at top clubs that remains to be seen."

Off the field he appears to be in no hurry to change his domestic arrangements. He still lives with his parents and says that his settled home life makes a major contribution to his performances. Vennegoor of Hesselink, whose name originates from the merger of two farms in the Enschede area (Vennegoor and Hesselink; 'of' means 'or' in Dutch), is certainly the local hero. He was spotted by Twente as a schoolboy playing for amateur club Quick20 in Oldenzaal. The striker went through the youth ranks at Twente before making his first-team debut at 17. Now he is a key player in a team who finished a creditable sixth in the League last year.

Vennegoor of Hesselink is good in the air, hard to dispossess and extremely dangerous in the penalty area. His 19 goals last term were an important contribution to the club's 16-match unbeaten run, which brought them to the verge of qualifying for Europe.

On the international scene, Vennegoor of Hesselink already has had his ups and downs. As an Under-21 international, he missed out on the Olympics when Holland were beaten by Spain in a qualifying decider, but the compensation is that he has at least had a taste of life with the senior national team.

Vennegoor of Hesselink was one of five youngsters invited by new national coach Louis Van Gaal to gain experience at the highest level during a training camp in the summer. He made an instant impact by scoring a hat-trick against amateur club AGOVV and was then included in the squad for the World Cup qualifier against the Republic of Ireland in September, though he didn't play.

The striker's breakthrough at full international level is likely to come soon, as is a move to a top European club. Next year he will probably join PSV or Ajax, but Vennegoor of Hesselink is already dreaming about the English Premiership. "The atmosphere is great because people are really dying for football over there," he says. "It must be a fantastic experience to play in England."

If he does appear in the Premiership, don't say you haven't heard the name before.

Klaas-Jan Droppert

Fact file

Club FC Twente
Country Holland
Born November 7, 1978, in Oldenzaal
Previous club Quick20

Rosenborg reign supreme

Sigurd Odegaard on a rosy autumn for Scandinavia's top club

NORWAY

Unstoppable...Frode Johnsen scores for Rosenborg against Helsingborgs in the Champions League

THE rivalry between Sweden and Norway has always been great in sport and especially in football. So when the two countries' League winners, Rosenborg and Helsingborgs, were drawn in the same group in this season's Champions League there was much anticipation.

Rosenborg started the first phase convincingly, beating Paris Saint-Germain 3-1 at home before losing by the same score away to Bayern Munich having led deep into the second half. Helsingborgs, meanwhile, had struggled in their opening matches, losing both.

When it came to the first clash of the Scandinavians, in Trondheim in late September, Rosenborg simply outclassed the Swedes, beating them 6-1.

Rosenborg have always played their best football in late autumn. They are at the peak of their form as the domestic season draws to a close, and coach Nils Arne Eggen was in triumphant mood after the roasting of the Swedish champions. "I have seldom seen my boys play football of such a high quality," he said. "Most teams would have struggled against us tonight."

Things are looking particularly rosy for Rosenborg at present. Striker Frode Johnsen scored four goals in their first three Champions League matches and is topping the domestic League scoring chart, Roar Strand and Orjan Berg are revelling in midfield and Erik Hoftun was magnificent in defence in the first three European games. At home, the championship was virtually wrapped up weeks ago.

The only shadow has been cast by the uncertainty over the future of Jan Derek Sorensen. He has been at the centre of a row between Borussia Dortmund and 1860 Munich, who both claim to have signed him from January, while Rosenborg still hope they can convince him to stay.

The latter stages of the domestic season have been tarnished by the FA's decision to reverse a number of results after the winning club were found to have contravened association rules. The situation arose after the Cup quarter-final between Molde and Start Kristiansand, which Molde won 4-3. Start subsequently discovered that Molde had used a substitute whose name had not been included on the team sheet, protested to the FA, and were duly awarded the victory.

The decision encouraged a number of other clubs who had lost games to bring small irregularities committed by their opponents to the attention of the FA, which was forced to follow its first decision and overruled a couple of First Division results.

Start's Cup run did not last much longer, as they were outplayed by Viking in the semi-final, going down 4-0. Odd Grenland won the other place in the Final, beating Bodo/Glimt by the same score.

ICELAND

Fylkir lose out at the last

IN ONE of the closest finishes to the League campaign for years, surprise long-time leaders Fylkir saw the title snatched from their grasp by reigning champions KR.

Ironically, it was a defeat at the hands of League Cup winners Grindavik, the other surprise package of the season, that knocked the men from the east Reykjavik suburbs off the top, and opened the door for their cross-city challengers to seize the title on the last day of the season.

However, both Fylkir and Grindavik, who finished third, can proudly celebrate what has been the best season in their histories.

At the other end of the table, Stjarnan went straight back down, having been promoted in 1999, and were joined in the drop by Leiftur. FH and Valur won promotion.

IA Akranes won the FA Cup, an injury-time winner giving them a 2-1 victory over IBV.

Rab Christie

SWEDEN

Conny comes on to keep Halmstads top

HALMSTADS stayed top of the League after defeating Orgryte 2-1 away in a dramatic match. With the score at 1-1, the visitors' goalkeeper, Hakan Svensson, was sent off and a penalty kick awarded. However, his replacement, Conny Johansson, who hardly had any time to warm up, saved Marcus Allback's spot-kick.

"I had nothing to lose," said Johansson. "But, boy, was I full of adrenalin after I realised that I'd saved the kick!"

To cap an amazing performance, Johansson's long goal-kick a few minutes after the penalty save led to an own goal by an Orgryte defender, enabling Halmstads to win.

Despite a losing start to the Champions League, Helsingborgs' revival in the League continued with a run of six straight wins. But they face the prospect of losing 20-year-old Brazilian forward Alvaro Santos, who is a target for a number of foreign clubs.

The title chase is now between Halmstads, AIK and Helsingborgs, though surprise package Elfsborg still have an outside chance, with

top scorer Fredrik Berglund and newly-capped midfielder Anders Svensson leading their challenge.

Djurgardens, inspired by former IFK and Everton midfielder Stefan Rehn, have secured a place in the top division next season after going down in 1999.

Pentti Hietanen

FINLAND

Kuqi heads Jokerit the right way

A STUNNING hat-trick by Shefki Kuqi helped FC Jokerit to a 3-0 win over Rovaniemi and ensured his club stayed top of the League. The hat-trick was particularly notable because Kuqi scored all the goals with his head.

The 23-year-old is an Albanian from Kosovo, but has become a Finnish citizen and is already a full cap. A big, bullish figure, he could well take over from Mixu Paatelainen, who recently announced his international retirement.

Kuqi's 17 goals have helped to keep Jokerit just ahead of local rivals HJK Helsinki and reigning champions FC Haka.

It could be a real merry-go-round during the close season for the coaches. The ball was set rolling by Tampere United's Harri Kampman, who announced that he is to step down at the end of the season. His place will be taken by the former national team striker Ari Hjelm.

The coaches of TPS Turku, FC Inter and Kotka have also stated their intention to leave their posts after the season closes.

Pentti Hietanen

DENMARK

Herfolge find it tough

JOHN JENSEN is finding life a little tougher in his second season as player-manager at Herfolge. The village club he transformed into champions of Denmark last term lay rooted in the relegation zone after 11 matches of the new Superliga campaign, the latest setback a 2-0 home defeat by FC Copenhagen.

That result came after the shock of losing two star players to AB Copenhagen – defender Steven Lustu and striker Jesper Falck – who were lured away by the promise of better wages.

Herfolge did get defender Peter Frank in return, only for him to be controversially sent off within 10 minutes of his debut against FC Copenhagen.

The win for Roy Hodgson's team put them fourth in the table, three points behind Brondby, who raced to the top after a 6-1 thrashing of hapless Haderslev. Hodgson, after a sticky start, is beginning to make a profound impact at Denmark's richest club.

Herfolge at least had the consolation of a morale-boosting success in the UEFA Cup, with Jensen scoring an extra-time winner to knock out Scandinavian rivals AIK Stockholm in an ill-tempered match. There was also hooligan trouble involving the Swedish supporters.

Herfolge's progress in Europe was mirrored by unsung Viborg, who came through against CSKA Moscow, also thanks to an extra-time goal, scored by Klaus Kaergaard. But Brondby and AB Copenhagen both went out.

Lured away...Jesper Falck

Brondby's star in the domestic season has been striker Peter Graulund, who has scored 11 times in 11 games, but his form failed to win him a call-up for the World Cup qualifiers against Northern Ireland and Bulgaria from new national coach Morten Olsen.

The race to become the new chairman of the Danish FA (DBU) looks set to be won by Erik Steiness Neergaard, who has won the backing of many significant figures in the domestic game.

Jim Holden

Pro-file Arni Gautur Arason

Icelander shining in goal for Norway's champions

JOEL BATS, the former French international keeper, knows an impressive performer between the posts when he sees one, and he certainly appreciated the display of Rosenborg's Icelandic No 1 Arni Gautur Arason during the Norwegians' recent 3-1 home win over Paris Saint-Germain in the Champions League.

"A good keeper gives a sense of security to his defence and that's what Arason did tonight," said Bats, now goalkeeping coach at Lyon. "He has a strong presence about him and commands his penalty area well. He looked a real leader.

"He was agile, athletic, quick off his line and showed good reflexes. In all, it was a very confident display."

Nor was the PSG game an isolated example of Arason's capabilities. Throughout the 2000 Norwegian domestic campaign, his first full season as a Rosenborg first-teamer, he has been in quite outstanding form and was instrumental in their romp to a ninth successive League title.

Arason joined the Trondheim club in 1998 from Icelandic side Stjarnan and spent the bulk of his first two seasons playing second fiddle to Jorn Jamtfall. But this season coach Nils Arne Eggen decided to rethink his goalkeeping pecking order, and Arason has totally vindicated the decision to promote him.

Jamtfall played an important part in the club's metamorphosis into a force in Europe. Yet even his most ardent fans would admit that mixed in with his many assets was a tendency for inexplicable blunders. Arason undoubtedly offers more consistency.

While the Icelander is one of only two foreigners currently on the Rosenborg books (Ghanaian forward Robert Boateng is the other), he insists he has never felt like an outsider. "I've always been right at home here," says Arason. "The first thing you notice is the spirit and togetherness which runs through this club. The team is what matters above all and everyone pulls together. It's a privilege to be part of Scandinavia's top club and a team which has a good reputation all over Europe. I knew I would be given every chance to develop."

Arason's excellent work for Rosenborg has brought a pay-off on the international front, with the 25-year-old having replaced veteran Birkir Kristinsson in the senior side. "We knew Arni had all the ingredients to make a top goalkeeper," says Icelandic international defender Eyjolfur Sverisson. "All he was lacking was experience, and Rosenborg have helped him fill the gap."

Nick Bidwell

Fact file

Club Rosenborg (Nor)
Country Iceland
Born May 7, 1975, in Akranes
Previous clubs IA Akranes, Stjarnan
International debut August 1999, v Faroe Islands
International caps 5
Honours Norwegian League 1998, 1999, 2000; Norwegian Cup 1999

Lucescu under fire

TURKEY

Hasan Cemali on a troubled start for the Galatasaray coach

GALATASARAY supporters called for coach Mircea Lucescu to resign in the wake of the side's surprise 3-0 Champions League defeat away to Sturm Graz and a dismal 1-1 draw at home to Istanbulspor in the League.

And although Gala's subsequent 3-2 home victory over Rangers in Europe allayed, at least for the time being, the pressure on the coach, there is a distinct lack of confidence among fans that Lucescu has the ability to improve the club's stuttering form.

After victory over Real Madrid in the European Super Cup in August, many in Turkey felt the UEFA Cup winners were capable of mounting a serious challenge in the Champions League. But after just three months in charge, Lucescu appears to have undone much of the good work done by his predecessor, Fatih Terim.

Under the Romanian coach, Gala have become a stodgy, over-physical and undisciplined side – in marked contrast to the team that bubbled with creativity, class and confidence last year.

Disciplinary problems have cost the champions dear in recent games. Suat Kaya was sent off during the Sturm debacle and Gheorghe Hagi was not available for selection for the tie having been dismissed in the opening Champions League encounter, against Monaco.

The team has been further hampered by injuries to Emre Belezoglu and Okan Buruk.

In the longer term, Lucescu faces the problem of replacing the ageing Suat and Hagi; the more immediate problem is how to motivate his under-performing team.

Besiktas displayed highly erratic form at the start of their Champions League campaign. Humiliated by a 4-1 defeat away to Milan, they then recorded a simply stunning 3-0 home win over Barcelona, before suffering a 6-0 thrashing by Leeds in England.

The Black Eagles are showing more consistent form in the League, and led the table on 16 points after six rounds.

Indisciplined...Gheorghe Hagi

Fifth-placed Fenerbahce faced the wrath of the FA and put League points at risk after they fielded too many foreign players against Besiktas. At one point Fener had six non-Turkish players on the pitch, one more than the FA limit.

The punishment for this offence is the implementation of a 3-0 defeat, but this was the result of the game anyway.

GREECE

Floridis amendment rejected

THE Greek Parliament has rejected efforts being made by Sports Deputy Minister George Floridis to stop officials convicted of crimes from taking up posts at soccer clubs or federations.

Floridis was forced to withdraw an amendment in parliament because it did not have the mandatory consensus.

The amendment says that anyone who has been sent to trial for a criminal offence or has been convicted of a crime or of a misdemeanour in the past 10 years cannot be a member of a sports club, federation or sports public company.

Floridis' effort was aimed at evicting Victor Mitropoulos, the chairman of the Greek association of professional soccer clubs (EPAE), who was convicted of embezzling up to £90,000 while he was chairman of the Aegaleo soccer club in 1993. Mitropoulos has taken his case to the Supreme Court.

Meanwhile, the Greek soccer federation (EPO) approved a recommendation by EPAE for players to be given random blood tests as part of an anti-doping control programme. The tests will start this season and players found using prohibited substances will be banned from the League for a minimum of two years. Offending players' teams can be punished by having up to 15 points deducted.

Lou Economopoulos

YUGOSLAVIA

Red Star survive match switch

RED STAR BELGRADE were the only Yugoslav team to survive the first round of the UEFA Cup, in spite of being forced to play the home leg of their tie against Leicester City at a neutral venue.

After securing a 1-1 draw in England in the opening fixture, Red Star overcame the Premiership side 3-1 in Vienna.

UEFA ordered the venue for the return to be changed after Leicester raised concerns about their security in Belgrade, even though the likes of Kyiv Dynamo and FC Porto had played in Yugoslavia earlier in the season without encountering any problems.

Subsequently, FIFA announced the postponement of the national team's home World Cup qualifiers against Russia and the Faroe Islands, due to be staged on October 7 and 11 respectively, because of the tense political situation in Yugoslavia.

In the other UEFA Cup ties, Partizan Belgrade went out 2-1 to FC Porto, though they put in decent performances, while underdogs Napredak Krusevac were outclassed by OFI Crete, losing 6-0 on aggregate.

On the domestic scene, Red Star have so far justified their favourites' tag, winning their first six games.

Vladimir Novak

SLOVENIA

Great start for Prasnikar

BOJAN PRASNIKAR, the coach who led Maribor to a number of triumphs in recent years, has found immediate success with his new club, Olimpija.

The Ljubljana club have topped the table from the word go this season and after 10 rounds were leading Prasnikar's former club by three points.

Prasnikar left Maribor midway through last season after several of the club's key players refused to play as he asked them to.

Maribor, meanwhile, have already changed their coach. Former Croatian Under-21 boss Ivo Susak has succeeded Matjaz Kek, who took over from Prasnikar and led Maribor to their third title in succession last season.

Zdravko Reic

BOSNIA-HERZEGOVINA

Unified championship is just too big

WITH the first unified Muslim-Croat championship a few weeks old, it is already apparent that the 22-club top division is far too large and that at least five clubs will have to withdraw before the end of the campaign.

Zenica side Dzerzelez, for example, could not afford to travel to Bihac, 180km away, to play Jedinstvo, who consequently won the three points without having to play.

The title favourites are Sarajevo side Zeljeznicar and current champions Brotnjo, from Citluk. The former had their noses in front early on, with the goalscoring form of 31-year-old

skipper Dzelaludin Muharemovic helping to put them one point clear of their rivals after nine games.

Zdravko Reic

CROATIA

Domestic League further depleted

DINAMO ZAGREB, the most powerful Croatian club over the past five years and who enjoyed massive financial support under the tutelage of late state president Franjo Tudjman, have continued to sell their best players.

After the departures of Krunoslav Jurcic to Torino, Tomislav Rukavina and Mario Cvitanovic to Venezia, Stjepan Tomas to Vicenza, Daniel Saric to Panathinaikos and Goran

High price...Igor Biscan

Juric to the J.League, they have now agreed to sell their most talented defender, Igor Biscan.

Liverpool have won the race for his signature, paying out £7million, but even with this injection of cash Dinamo will still not be in the black.

Another major departure from the Croatian League is Robert Prosinecki, who has now moved to Standard Liege having played five games for Hrvatski dragovoljac.

The exodus is obviously having a detrimental effect on the domestic League, though there is at least renewed interest in the outcome of the championship. Dinamo have won the title for the past five years, but Osijek have now shown themselves to be genuine contenders after beating Dinamo 1-0 in Zagreb.

Zdravko Reic

ISRAEL

Leading clubs flounder in Europe

BEITAR JERUSALEM and Maccabi Haifa may well be challenging for supremacy in the Premier League, but they both made swift exits from the UEFA Cup.

PAOK Salonika had little difficulty finding their way into the second round, beating Beitar 6-4 on aggregate, while Maccabi had little hope of progressing after losing 3-0 away to Vitesse Arnhem in the first leg. Sure enough, they could win only 2-1 at home in the return.

At home, Maccabi Tel Aviv drafted in Zafririm Holon coach Nir Levin to succeed Shlomo Scharf, who recently walked out on the club after a row with the chairman.

Derek Fattal

MALTA

Tight at the top

CHAMPIONS Birkirkara were joint League leaders on 14 points with Valletta after six rounds of the new season. Indeed, the sides were so close, they were swapping players! Journeyman Ivan Zammit dramatically rejoined his old club Valletta from Birkirkara, with Justin Tellus going the other way, again to a former club.

Birkirkara's long search for a suitable replacement for their injured Slav goalie Robbie Savic finally ended when 35-year-old ex-national keeper David Cluett signed up. The club has also brought in defenders William Camenzuli (from Floriana) and Lino Galea (Sliema).

National team legend Carmel Busuttil has announced that he will quit international football next April.

Domenico Aquilina

MACEDONIA

Vardar out front

VARDAR have been setting the pace in the League, taking 13 points from the first five games to go a point ahead of Sileks in second.

However, off-the-field incidents have marred the club's impressive beginning. Vardar fans have been involved in a number of stone-throwing incidents, and the players needed a police escort out of the town of Strumica following a match after visiting supporters were attacked by local hooligans.

Michel Stojmanovski

Pro-file Nikos Limberopoulos

The 'Greek Cantona' is in form for club and country

EMINENT Panathinaikos attacker Nikos Limberopoulos is not called the 'Greek Cantona' for nothing.

Not only does the brilliant 25-year-old international share the Frenchman's delicate touch on the ball, dead-eye finishing and the ability to drop deep to play creator, but Limberopoulos also has more than a hint of the former Manchester United hero's devil-may-care attitude and volatility.

An example? The eve of Panathinaikos' Champions League visit to Hamburg last month was hardly a good time to start a row over bonuses. Yet Limberopoulos had no qualms about raising the issue and apparently felt so strongly about it that he resigned the club captaincy in protest when he did not get his way.

To his credit, Limberopoulos, who joined Panathinaikos from Kalamata in the summer of 1996, did not let all the inevitable controversy distract him against Hamburg; he was at the heart of all his team's best counter-attacks and played a vital part in their 1-0 win.

But the question all 'Pana' fans are asking is, just how much longer will their ex-skipper remain at the club? Those in the know argue that the bonus bust-up was not so much about a lack of drachmas as being a pretext for moving on. They claim Limberopoulos has become unsettled by reports that Manchester United and Fiorentina are interested in him and that he is angling for a transfer. After all, it is not the first time the forward has appeared on the verge of leaving. In summer 1999 he changed his mind about moving abroad only when the Panathinaikos board offered him a new three-year deal.

Should Limberopoulos bid farewell, it will be a huge blow to Panathinaikos. He was their top scorer with 23 goals last term, while his cute passing created many more. Limberopoulos is now also totally indispensable to the Greek national team's hopes of a return to world football's top table, having made the switch to the senior side from the Under-21s early in the 1998-99 season.

"Limberopoulos is the leader of the younger generation of Greek footballers and has made especially rapid progress in the last couple of years," says ex-Panathinaikos and Greece midfield star Dimitris Domazos. "You can play him in the forward line or as an attacking midfielder, and, in whatever role, he has the skill, vision and eye for goal to make his presence felt.

"There's no doubt he has the talent. Now he must use it to help Greece qualify for the World Cup."

Nick Bidwell

Fact file

Club Panathinaikos
Country Greece
Born August 4, 1975, in Kalamata
Previous club Kalamata
International debut September 1998, v Slovenia
International caps 25 (6 goals)

Dynamo rally after close shave

Oleg Zadernovsky on an unusual attempt to improve team spirit

UKRAINE

A 2-1 defeat away to PSV Eindhoven in the first Champions League group match prompted the whole Kyiv Dynamo squad to shave their heads. In an effort to explain the decision, team captain Alexander Holovko said: "We did this with the purpose of increasing our team spirit on the long and difficult road in the Champions League."

Whether the close crops made any difference to Dynamo's performances is debatable, but the team certainly played better against Manchester United in their next tie in Europe. In front of 60,000 fans at the Olimpiyskyi stadium, the players fought for every ball and eventually secured a 0-0 draw having had chances to win the game. Dynamo went on to beat Anderlecht 4-0 at home to give themselves a good chance of qualifying for the second phase.

Between the first two European clashes, Dynamo were surprisingly knocked out of the domestic Cup by First Division Spartak Sumy, who won 4-2 on penalties after a goalless draw.

Dynamo continued to top the League table, but Shakhtar Donetsk were in close contention, along with Dnipro. Shakhtar's Champions League campaign has been less successful, having lost all three of their opening group games.

Hair-raising...Man Utd's Silvestre evades Kyiv

CZECH REPUBLIC

Kuka returns to Slavia

SIX-AND-A-HALF years after quitting Slavia Prague for the Bundesliga, Czech international forward Pavel Kuka has returned to his former club. The move came after the two most recent seasons had proved disheartening.

Home again...Pavel Kuka

Nurnberg, the club he joined from Kaiserslautern – where he enjoyed a good deal of success – were relegated in his only season there in 1998-99. Then, having moved on to Stuttgart, he managed only one goal last term.

When Stuttgart coach Ralf Rangnick made it plain his first-choice forward line this season would be Romanian Viorel Ganea and South African Sean Dundee, Kuka had no option but to pack his bags.

The 32-year-old scored on his return debut for Slavia, but it was not enough to prevent defeat at Pribram. The result left the club 10 points behind city rivals Sparta, who topped the table, a point clear of Slovan Liberec, after seven games.

Sparta's hopes in the Champions League took a turn for the better when, after defeats by Arsenal and Lazio, they beat Shakhtar Donetsk 3-2 in Prague.

But they will need a similar result in Ukraine on October 17 if they are to stay in with a chance of qualifying for the second stage.

Nick Bidwell

POLAND

Mixed fortunes in UEFA Cup

IN THE wake of speculation that an unnamed leading Italian side were interested in signing new national hero Emmanuel Olisadebe, he visited the country with his club side Polonia Warsaw for a UEFA Cup tie.

But the Nigeria-born forward, who scored three goals for Poland in his first two internationals, was out of luck against Udinese, who won 2-0 on the night and 3-0 on aggregate.

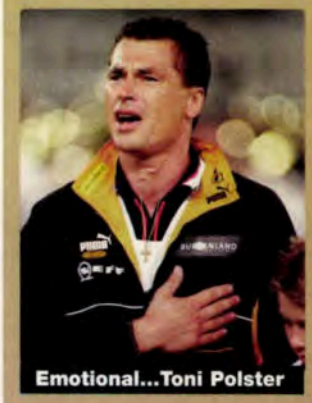
Ruch Chorzow also went out to Italian opposition, beaten home and away by Internazionale for a 7-1 aggregate, but there was better news for Poland's two other representatives.

Wisla Krakow beat Zaragoza 4-1 at home having gone down by the same score in Spain, and went through 4-3 on penalties. Amica Wronki defeated Russians Alania Vladikavkaz home and away for a 5-0 aggregate win.

In the League, Pogon, who have signed former Russian international Oleg Salenko, were knocked off top spot when losing at Groclin. Wisla took over by beating Katowice.

Dariusz Kurowski

ROUND-UP


Emotional...Toni Polster

Polster bows out

AUSTRIA'S recent 5-1 friendly victory over Iran provided the backdrop for an emotional farewell to Toni Polster, one of the country's post-war greats. Polster, who holds Austria's international goalscoring record of 44 and has a record 95 caps, played 20 minutes before going off to a standing ovation.

Bob Vaughan

MOLDOVA: Constructorul of Chisinau have been banned from European competition for a year following incidents in their UEFA Cup tie against Bulgaria's CSKA Sofia. In the home first leg, four Constructorul players were sent off, the president's wife insulted a UEFA delegate and a club official threatened a linesman with a pistol. In the away leg, two more Moldovans were dismissed while another visiting player attempted to hit the referee. Constructorul lost the tie 11-2 on aggregate.

Vladimir Kalinkovich

RUSSIA: Lokomotiv Moscow's title challenge looked to have been derailed after a 3-0 home defeat by city rivals Torpedo. The result left Moscow Spartak six points clear, but the leaders are not without their troubles. Captain Andrei Tikhonov has been dropped after a sharp dip in form, with coach Oleg Romantsev saying the veteran midfielder is "psychologically very tired".

HUNGARY: Champions Dunaferr lost their 40-game unbeaten League run, stretching back to August last year, when they went down 5-2 at home to Tatabanya, who displaced them at the top of Group A. MTK were six points clear of Ujpest in Group B.

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Luxemburgo sacked

BRAZIL

Tim Vickery in Rio de Janeiro reports on the Olympic failure that cost Brazil's coach his job

AS Ronaldinho Gaucho prepared to take the second half injury-time free-kick which, if converted, would have given Brazil a dramatic equaliser against Cameroon in their Olympic quarter-final, centre-back Lucio, furious not to have received a pass when well placed in a recent attack, dashed over to butt midfielder Roger.

Brazil had lost their heads. And the axe subsequently fell on coach Wanderley Luxemburgo after his side went on to lose in extra time to opponents reduced to nine men.

With his side expected to claim Olympic gold, elimination in the quarter-finals was a blow too far for Luxemburgo, who was sacked on October 2.

The pressures of coaching Brazil are such that the character of the man is even more important than the knowledge of the coach, and Luxemburgo's flaws were brutally exposed.

His apparent arrogance masked an insecurity that led him continually to pander to the press in team selection. In the eight World Cup qualifiers under his command, Brazil used 35 players (compare with Argentina's 21), destroying the cohesion of the team.

Defeats by Paraguay and Chile made his position vulnerable, and speculation was rife that only Olympic gold would keep him in a job.

But Luxemburgo made a huge misjudgement. Brazil's Under-23s had qualified comfortably for the Games but they had hosted the preliminary tournament, and home advantage counts in South America. The team relied heavily on the inspiration of Alex and Ronaldinho, with some of the supporting cast being no more than ordinary players whose greatest virtue was their physical strength.

After qualifying for Sydney, Brazil seemed keen to exercise their right to take three over-age players to the Games. Dida, Cafu and Rivaldo were the names most discussed in the camp. But in the following months these players lost form.

Meanwhile, with the backing of the local media, Romario made his push. After coming to prominence at the 1988 Seoul Olympics, the veteran striker had made no secret of his desire to 'book-end' his career by appearing at the 2000 Games. With Brazil's strikers off-target, it became obvious that if over-age players were taken, Romario would have to go.

This time, though, there would be no pandering to public opinion. Romario's inclusion was more than his old enemy Luxemburgo could stomach, so the goalposts were moved. Brazil sent a squad entirely composed of Under-23 players, in essence the same team that had achieved qualification.

In football terms it was a mistake. As Chile's Ivan Zamorano and Patrick Mboma of Cameroon showed, the presence of a top-class, experienced striker eased the pressure on the Olympic sides and brought out the best in the young players.

Reflecting on failure...the Olympic fiasco signalled the end for Luxemburgo

In political terms it was suicide. The sponsors of the Brazil team were furious; the inclusion of Romario would raise the profile of the team and be good for business. The powerful TV Globo network made no secret of its disgust. With the matches kicking off at 6am Brazil time, they were well aware of the boost Romario would give the ratings.

The media began to give prominence to the series of accusations being made against Luxemburgo. Massive sums of money were alleged to have gone undeclared. The coach was found guilty of tax avoidance for 1993, and is facing charges for subsequent years. His former secretary alleges that the original source of the extra income was commission 'skimmed' off the sale of players, though Luxemburgo denies this. So, at the very moment when Brazil's youngsters most needed their coach to transmit quiet authority, Luxemburgo was a bag of nerves. Delegation chief Elmer Guillerme later said that the coach was in no psychological state to carry out his duties. His team was a mess, and the stars were unable to mount a rescue.

Jaded by years of non-stop football, Alex had trouble lasting the games. Ronaldinho was at loggerheads with Luxemburgo, unhappy at often being used wide on the left, where he is least effective. Edu, outstanding in the group phase, picked up a second yellow card for petulance and was suspended for the Cameroon game.

Despite their Olympic disappointment, these players still have a fine future. After his convincing imitation of King Midas in reverse, whether the same is true of Luxemburgo is far less clear.

ROUND-UP

In trouble again...Faustino Asprilla

Corinthians in crisis

CORINTHIANS, World Club Championship winners at the beginning of the year, are in danger of missing out on qualification for the second stage of the Joao Havelange Cup, the replacement event for the **BRAZILIAN** national championship.

The Sao Paulo club also became the first to be eliminated from this year's Mercosur Cup after three straight defeats.

Corinthians' parlous financial state has obliged them to sell a further two players – Vampeta (to Internazionale) and Edilson (Flamengo) to help balance their books. And the depletion of their squad has undoubtedly hampered their performances. After 13 games in the Blue Group (First Division) of the Joao Havelange Cup, from which the top 12 qualify for the next stage, Corinthians had taken just 15 points, and lay 19th, four points below the cut.

At the top, city rivals Sao Paulo were joint leaders with Goias on 26 points but had two games in hand.

PARAGUAY: A fan was stabbed to death during clashes between hooligan gangs of Olimpia and Cerro Porteno following their 0-0 draw in the closing championship. The previous week another hooligan had been shot and was in a serious condition. Olimpia trailed League leaders Guarani by a point at press time.

BOLIVIA: Argentinian Antonio Vidal Gonzalez, the country's best striker, is on the point of taking out Bolivian nationality to enable him to play for his adopted country. Despite being close to his 36th birthday, Gonzalez feels that because of the lower standard of Bolivian soccer he can stay at the top for another three years.

Union Central were top of the closing championship table after eight games.

COLOMBIA: Faustino Asprilla was detained for possessing a firearm without permission after he fired shots in the air during a drinking session in his home town, Tulua. The international was later released, but not allowed to leave the country without the court's permission. He was due to travel to Saudi Arabia to join Al Nassr.

America topped the closing championship on goal difference from Independiente Santa Fe after 15 rounds.

PERU: Champions Universitario have been banned by FIFA from international competition until 2002 because their president, Alfredo Gonzalez, refuses to resign after being suspended by the Peruvian FA for four years in 1998 for match-fixing. Universitario qualified for next year's Libertadores Cup by winning the opening championship but the ban means they cannot take part.

In the closing championship, Universitario were a point behind leaders Sporting Cristal after 11 rounds.

Eric Weil

Pro-file Ronald Garcia

Teenage playmaker leading Bolivia's new generation

THESE are tough times for Bolivian football. The country is the poorest in South America, and virtually all the clubs as well as the national team have run into financial crises.

As part of the essential cost-cutting measures, Bolivia coach Carlos Aragones has had his salary slashed, but that is not his only problem. The national side already look out of the running for a berth at the 2002 World Cup, though at least the remainder of the qualifying campaign will allow him to build his team with the long-term in view.

Key to Aragones' plans will be a pair of players from the Bolivar club who, just over a year after impressing in the South American Under-20 Championship, have already shown that they can cope with the more demanding environment of World Cup qualification. The tiny Luis Gatty Ribeiro looks a fine prospect as an attacking right-back, while would-be midfield general Ronald Garcia, a year younger, could well turn out to be even better.

Tall and commanding, with the talent to set up moves and the capacity to finish them off with either foot, the teenage Garcia appeared instantly at home at the game's highest level.

"I remember watching Marco Etcheverry and Julio Cesar Baldivieso take our country to the 1994 World Cup," Garcia recalls, "and now I am playing alongside them. It has all happened very quickly."

A decade ago Garcia enrolled at the Tahuichi Academy, the award-winning football school in Santa Cruz which has produced many Bolivian internationals in recent years.

He developed through the ranks before joining La Paz-based Bolivar, where he won a place on the right side of midfield. This year he played a prominent part in their unexpected run to the quarter-finals of the Libertadores Cup, scoring three goals along the way.

The youngster had done enough to convince Aragones that he was worthy of a national team place. After making his senior debut as a substitute against Argentina in Buenos Aires, Garcia was fortunate to miss the next game, a disastrous 4-2 defeat away to Venezuela. Changes were called for, and Garcia was in the starting line-up for the next qualifier, against Chile, when he helped set up the only goal.

A teenager who can hold his own in a struggling side will obviously catch the eye, and Garcia makes no secret of his hope that featuring in World Cup qualifiers could act as a springboard for a transfer. He says: "Bolivian club football is not very competitive. In terms of prestige, to develop as a player and also for financial reasons, a move abroad is attractive." First, though, come the challenges of the national team. "Qualifying for USA 94 was a great inspiration for my generation," he says. "But the team has gone backwards since and we'll have to work hard to put it right."

Tim Vickery

Fact file

Club Bolivar
Country Bolivia
Born December 17, 1980, in Santa Cruz de la Sierra
International debut June 2000, v Argentina
International caps 5

River pegged back by Boca

Lone raider...River Plate's Cardetti takes on Universidad de Chile

Eric Weil on the continuing battle for supremacy between eternal rivals

ARGENTINA

RIVER PLATE, last season's opening and closing champions, began the 2000 opening campaign in impressive style. They were undefeated after their first eight games, and the arrival of international Ariel Ortega, from Parma, strengthened what was already the country's most powerful squad.

They had also enjoyed Mercosur Cup victories against Flamengo of Brazil and Universidad de Chile (away) and Velez Sarsfield (at home) to virtually guarantee a place in the quarter-finals. Not only that but the wins were achieved with what were virtually reserve sides because the first team was depleted by international call-ups.

Yet River's efforts were being matched by Boca Juniors at every stage. Like River, Boca were virtually assured of a place in the Mercosur Cup last eight with one group game to play, and at home they took advantage of River's home draw with San Lorenzo to go joint top of the opening championship table with a 1-0 win away to Huracan. Then, in the next round, while River were losing their first game of the campaign, away to Chacarita Juniors and deprived through injury of Ortega, Boca beat Lanus 3-2 at home to go three points clear.

Two coaches have already bitten the dust following poor results. Uruguayan Washington Tabares has replaced Julio Falcioni at Velez Sarsfield, while Osvaldo Sosa takes over from Daniel Cordoba at Chacarita Juniors.

Huracan, back in the top division after a year's absence, had a surprisingly good start to the campaign, but have now sold their best player, Gaston Casas, to Real Betis. Newell's Old Boys – declared bankrupt like Racing Club – have continued playing for the moment, and the surprise is that their striker Daniel Jimenez, who was overall top scorer last season with now-relegated Instituto Cordoba, has not been taken on by any other club.

A fan was stabbed to death in a fight between two Talleres Cordoba gangs over distribution of money from the sale of tickets which they receive free from the club.

MEXICO

Lapuente a victim of warring factions

ONCE again Mexican soccer has suffered from a financial and political war between two opposing factions, after Manuel Lapuente was forced to resign as national coach in spite of a record of only 14 defeats in 60 games.

After taking over in December 1997, Lapuente led Mexico to victories in the 1998 Gold Cup, 1999 Carlsberg Cup, USA Cup 1999, and the 1999 Confederations Cup. He also guided the team into the second stage of France 98, third place at last year's Copa America and into the final round of the 2002 World Cup qualifiers.

The malaise affecting the national team set-up can be traced back to 1997, when Televisa manoeuvred to obtain exclusive rights for all Mexico's games. But a new Televisa management group, facing difficult times, was obliged to share the rights with their rival TV network, Television Azteca, despite the opposition of Alejandro Burillo, a Televisa executive and cousin of its new chief executive.

Burillo had had total control of the national team, including sponsorships, through the appointment of his proteges, Enrique Borja, as president of the Mexican federation, and Hugo Kiesse, as head of the national team committee.

So when the balance of power shifted as a result of the new shared TV rights deal, there was little surprise that the old order crumbled. Burillo was paid off in part by handing him the franchise for the Atlante club, Borja was sacked, and Lapuente, who had only been doing his job, was forced to step down.

The ink was still wet on Lapuente's resignation when Enrique Meza was named as his replacement. Meza is the likeable, mild-mannered former coach of Toluca, with whom he won three League titles by cleverly maintaining the basic strong team he inherited. But his debut match in charge of Mexico – a drab 2-0 win over a weakened Ecuador – served to highlight his lack of experience.

His task now is to qualify Mexico for the 2002 World Cup against a backdrop of financial and political wrangling inside the national team administration which shows no sign of abating.

At club level, America finally signed former Argentinian coach Alfio Basile to succeed the sacked Alfred Pena, after being turned down by Leo Beenhakker and Mario Zagallo.

Former international defender Fernando Quirarte has Santos Laguna playing spectacular soccer and is lucky to have striker Jared Borgetti in his ranks. Borgetti developed in the Atlas youth ranks in 1994 and has played for Santos since 1996.

He has matured as a natural scorer and was leading the League chart with 10 goals in nine matches.

Out of a job...Lapuente

He was also recalled by Meza for the Ecuador game after three years away from the international scene. It was his second cap and he scored as he had done on his debut – also against Ecuador, in 1997.

Carlos Ramirez

Going, gone...Olarra of Chile escapes the US defence in the bronze medal match

Youngsters outshine drab national team

The US Olympic side gave heartening performances in Australia, writes Paul Gardner

USA

THERE was a good deal of logic about the performance of the United States men's team at the Sydney Olympics. This was, after all, the best prepared US team yet. The 18-man squad included four players already signed with European clubs, plus 13 with substantial professional experience from playing in Major League Soccer. Only one player – forward Conor Casey, from the University of Portland – came from the college ranks, which have supplied so many Olympic players in the past.

So, logically, the US did better than ever before. For the first time, they advanced beyond the first round, going on to play in the bronze medal game, where they went down 2-0 to Chile.

However, though the results were good, the manner of achieving them was never smooth. Coach Clive Charles and the players were greatly frustrated with the first two results – draws with the Czech Republic (2-2) and Cameroon (1-1). Frustrated because they felt they were the better team and should have won both games.

The awkward truth was that, in both games, the USA had undermined their own efforts by conceding penalties. However, a decisive 3-1 win over Kuwait in the final group game saw them through to a quarter-final against Japan.

The Americans were lucky to survive this, making it 2-2 only after converting a penalty in the 90th minute and then going on to win the shoot-out after a goalless period of extra time. But their good fortune ran out in the semi-final when Spain thoroughly outplayed them in a 3-1 win.

The bronze was still a possibility, but once again it was a penalty that did for the USA – this one conceded by defender Danny Califf. Chile's Ivan Zamorano scored from the spot, and added another late in the game. "We're disappointed not to bring home a medal," said captain Brian Dunseth, "but getting fourth place in the Olympics is something that no one thought we were capable of doing, so we have to be proud."

The Olympic team's bright showing in Australia was in contrast to the performance of the national team, who continued to make hard work of the World Cup 2002 qualifying games. Having scraped a 1-1 draw in Guatemala and lost 2-1 in Costa Rica, the USA regained some confidence with a 7-0 drubbing of a weak Barbados team. Next up was the return against Guatemala in Washington DC.

The setting was quite astonishing – a stadium jammed with nearly 52,000 fans. The upper level was a sea of blue and white shirts and flags – the Guatemalan colours – while red was the colour of the lower level, where all the US fans – maybe 60 per cent of the total – were seated. It was always presumed that the large Guatemalan community in the DC area would give their team massive support – and the organisers had managed to separate the two sets of fans by selective selling of tickets.

The US failed to match the brilliance of the scene, giving a turgid display. Guatemala, looking for a 0-0 draw, seemed to have things under control, particularly after the home side had Eddie Lewis sent off late in the second half. But a moment of skill from Cobi Jones led to a goal for Brian McBride, and the US – very unconvincingly – snaffled three points.

Not all the action was on the pitch. A group of US fans, organising themselves on the internet, launched what they called Operation Mayhem during the night before the game. The plan was to descend on the hotel where the Guatemalan team was staying and make as much noise as possible, thus preventing the players from getting any sleep. About 15 fans succeeded in getting into the hotel – even as far as the floor where the Guatemalans were lodged – before security officers and police turned them out.

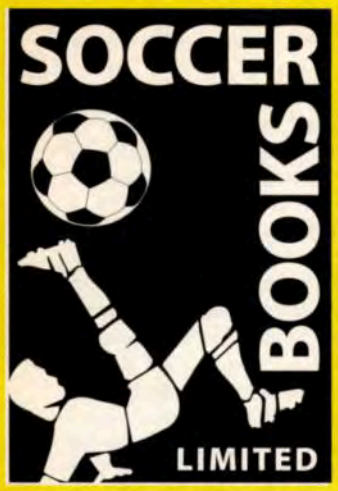
This action was supposed to be retaliation for the attempts by Guatemalan supporters to use similar tactics on the American players for the countries' opening encounter in Mazatenango, and the Operation Mayhem people evidently felt they had done something clever, promising more of the same.

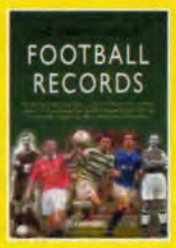
The Guatemalan delegation, not surprisingly, complained to FIFA. At that point, a word or two of caution, or even outright condemnation, might have been in order from the US soccer biggies. But criticism was very slow in coming, and lukewarm when it did arrive. "This is America. We appreciate that fans have the right to express their support in many ways," was the initial reaction from USSF spokesman Jim Moorhouse. Later came a more measured statement from USSF general secretary, Dan Flynn: "We clearly do not condone that type of behaviour. We want to be fair and gracious hosts."

National coach Bruce Arena, however, appeared determined not to criticise Operation Mayhem. He talked of using any advantage that was appropriate and panned the harassment he claimed was regularly visited on US teams in Central America.

Later, though, Arena came up with a convenient definition of his position: "I don't support anything that's not appropriate, but what's appropriate and not appropriate is not my responsibility to outline."

The coach soon found his judgment under fire in another area – that of his behaviour on the field after the USA's defeat in Costa Rica, when it was alleged that he had sworn at the referee and accused him of cheating. After a delay of six weeks, FIFA announced its verdict – Arena was fined £3,500 and suspended for the next three qualifying games. At the same time, midfielder Claudio Reyna, who had thrown his captain's armband towards the referee, was fined £2,000 and suspended for the next two matches.





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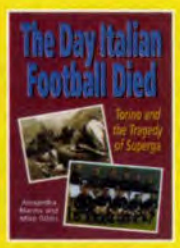

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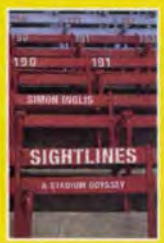

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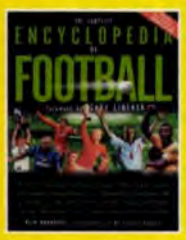

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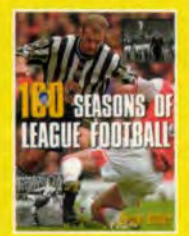

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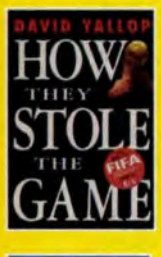

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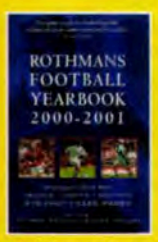

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Perryman calls it quits

Shimizu S-Pulse's English coach will resign at the season's end

JAPAN

Time to leave...Steve Perryman

STEVE PERRYMAN will step down as manager of Shimizu S-Pulse at the end of the season, despite winning the Asian Cup-winners Cup earlier this year.

Perryman, 48, announced his decision after the 2-1 home defeat by Nagoya Grampus Eight in the Tokai Championship, the annual tournament between the three J.League clubs in the Tokai region (the third is Jubilo Iwata). The game served to highlight S-Pulse's recent loss of form. They hadn't lost at home to Grampus for five years. Now they have lost three matches in a row.

Perryman, who rejected an offer to sign for another year, said: "I felt the time had come to move on. The team has been a role model for Japanese football but it's time for them to grow even more under a new manager."

Perryman arrived at S-Pulse as Ossie Ardiles' assistant in 1996 and took over the helm in December 1998. He led them to the Emperor's Cup Final, where they lost to Yokohama Flugels but qualified for the Cup-winners Cup after Flugels folded. S-Pulse won the competition this year and their next target is the Super Cup against Asian club champions Al Hilal, of Saudi Arabia.

Despite again finishing third in the League's First Stage, they are fourth from bottom of the Second. Perryman had also become frustrated by the tight budget that prevented him from strengthening the squad.

Grampus Eight have recovered from a poor start to the Second Stage and moved to within four points of leaders Gamba Osaka. They will, however, be without Japan's first-choice keeper, Seigo Narasaki, for the rest of the season after the 24-year-old fractured his skull at the Olympics.

Jubilo Iwata sacked coach Djoko Hadzievski, despite a bright start in continental competition when they beat South China of Hong Kong 6-2 on aggregate in the Asian Club Championship. The reasons were far from clear but his replacement, Masakazu Suzuki, said: "I won't change the system we play. I want to change our attitude."

Mike Plastow & Michi Ishijima

ASIAN CLUB COMPETITIONS

Al Ain oust Iraqis

UNITED ARAB EMIRATES champions Al Ain qualified for the second round of the Asian Club Championship by knocking out Iraqi side Al Zawra, having initially announced they were withdrawing from the tournament.

They overcame a 2-1 defeat in Baghdad, running out 6-2 winners on aggregate after a convincing victory in the return. Argentinians Emiliano Cardoso and Sergio Berti were instrumental in Al Ain's victory, both scoring twice over the two legs.

This set up a quarter-final tie with Iran's Pirouzi, who have reached the last four in the competition in three of the past four editions. The Iranians started strongly this time round, recording a 9-3 aggregate win over Qatar's Al Wakra.

Al Hilal of Saudi Arabia, who won the tournament last season, squeezed through against Al Karameh of Syria thanks to two goals by Sami Al-Jaber in his final match for the club before he headed for Wolverhampton Wanderers.

In the eastern half of the draw, former competition winners Jubilo Iwata cruised through to the quarter-finals 6-2 on aggregate, at the expense of Hong Kong's South China.

In the Cup-winners Cup, South Korea's Songnam Chunma, former winners of the Club Championship, were knocked out by China's Dalian Shide. Japan's Nagoya Grampus Eight were comfortable qualifiers for the last eight, with Yugoslav Dragan Stojkovic inspiring his team to victory over Hong Kong's Happy Valley.

Michael Church

ASIAN ROUND-UP

Dalian do it again

DALIAN SHIDE clinched their fifth **CHINESE** title in seven seasons as they finished six points ahead of Shanghai Shenhua. Defending champions Shandong finished only fifth, prompting coach Slobodan Santrac to resign.

In **SINGAPORE**, Home United made up for the disappointment of missing out on the League title by winning the FA Cup. A fourth-minute penalty by Ernest Tapai gave United victory over League-winners Armed Forces.

Anyang Cheetahs finished top in the league section of **SOUTH KOREA'S** K-League. They will face the winners of play-offs between the teams placed second, third and fourth to decide the overall champions.

Kim Jung-nam, who led South Korea to the 1986 World Cup finals, has taken over as head coach at League club Ulsan Hyundai.

In **INDIA**, League champions East Bengal added the IFA Shield to their recent haul of silverware by beating Mohun Bagan on penalties after a 1-1 draw.

MALAYSIAN League winners Selangor stayed on course for the Double by reaching the semi-finals of the Cup, where they are joined by Perak, Sarawak and Negri Sembilan.

BRUNEI have withdrawn from this year's Tiger Cup, to be played in Thailand in November, due to "unforeseen circumstances".

IRAN keeper Ahmedreza Abedzadeh has announced his retirement from international football after years dogged by injuries.

Nigerian international Daniel Amokachi has signed for **SAUDI ARABIAN** club Al Ittihad.

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On his way...Henri Kasperczak

Kasperczak canned

Mark Gleeson rounds up the news from across the continent

MOROCCO sacked national coach Henri Kasperczak following the team's recent run of poor results in the World Cup and African Nations Cup qualifying campaigns.

Also booted out was Under-23 coach Said El Kheider after Morocco lost all their Olympic Games matches.

Elsewhere in **NORTH AFRICA**, Esperance of **TUNISIA** have fired Polish coach Anton Piechniczek after just three months, despite being at the top of their Champions League group. Even more surprisingly, the Tunis club replaced Piechniczek with Youssef Zouauoui, who made way for the Pole in the close season, despite having won six trophies in three seasons.

Tunisia's CS Sfaxien won the Arab Club Championship in Saudi Arabia, beating Syria's Al Jaish 2-1 in the Final.

German coach Rainer Zobel has been sacked by **EGYPTIAN** champions Al Ahly after he made offensive comments about African soccer. Zobel's cause was not helped by the club's poor start in the Champions League campaign.

SOUTHERN AFRICA

Mahao Matete stepped down after just one game in charge of the **LESOTHO** national side. He is replaced by Mafa Ramakau.

Denmark-based midfielders Mwape Miti and Andrew Tembo have told **ZAMBIAN** officials that they no longer want to be called up for national team duty.

Five coaches have lost their jobs after just six weeks of the **SOUTH AFRICAN** season. They include Ted Dumitru, who left cash-strapped Manning Rangers, and Henk Bodewes, of Ajax Cape Town, who stepped down because of ill health.

FA executive committee member Frederick Tshithavhane was shot dead outside his home in Mpumalanga province. It is suspected his death was related to a row over football.

WEST AFRICA

Diaraf Dakar sneaked in to win the **SENEGALESE** title on the last day of the season, despite only drawing 0-0 with Compagnie Sucriere. Their nearest rivals, ASC Ndiambour, went down at relegated ETICS.

Derby Sao Vicente won the title on the **CAPE VERDE ISLANDS**, beating Academica Boavista 2-1 on aggregate in the Final.

In the **IVORIAN** Cup Final, Stade Abidjan beat city rivals ASEC 2-1.

GHANA'S Cape Coast Dwarfs fired coach Emmanuel Afranie after losing their CAF Cup quarter-final tie.

LIBERIAN international Mass Sarr has joined Sydney Olympic in Australia from Reading of England. Also headed 'Down Under' is **SIERRA LEONE'S** Musa Kallon. He joins Marconi from PSM Ujungpandang of Indonesia.

Pro-file Julius Aghahowa

Nigerian teenager tipped for greatness

NIGERIA'S Julius Aghahowa may not have grabbed the biggest headlines at the Olympics soccer tournament, but he was the reason why many European spies were queuing for entry to games.

In Africa the 18-year-old's talent is already legendary. Widely-travelled German coach Peter Schnittger learned about Aghahowa the hard way, as his Senegal national side succumbed to Nigeria in the quarter-finals of this year's African Nations Cup.

Aghahowa, coming on as a substitute, cancelled out Senegal's first-half strike by scoring with six minutes of normal time remaining, then hit the winner in extra time.

"I had to take off my hat to him," says Schnittger. "He came into the match as a virtual unknown and showed all the big-name players in the Nigerian team the way to play football. He can go a long way."

After shining in the African Youth Championship in Ghana last year and then the World Youth Cup at home in Nigeria, the forward found the cream of Africa's clubs on his doorstep. Tunisia's Esperance signed Aghahowa for a bargain £275,000 and he has already shot them to the domestic title and then to the African Champions League Final, where Esperance lost to Morocco's Raja Casablanca.

Aghahowa made his reputation playing regional football in mid-west Nigeria for the Police Football Club of Benin City. A starring role in a local youth tournament earned Aghahowa a move to powerful local club Insurance in 1997. Two years later Aghahowa was a member of the Nigeria squad who finished runners-up in the African Youth Championship and then he edged his way into the starting line-up when Nigeria went on to the World Youth Cup.

That was when Esperance stepped in, to Aghahowa's further delight and surprise. He says: "Besides playing in the African Nations Cup, going to Esperance was the biggest thing to have happened to me in my career so far. It would have been impossible to have broken into the national team as quickly if I hadn't moved to Esperance."

Aghahowa made a scoring debut for Nigeria's senior team as they beat Morocco 2-0 at the Nations Cup in February. But it all ended in tears when his side lost on penalties to Cameroon in the Final in Lagos, the Nigerian capital. Aghahowa says: "It was unfortunate and painful to lose like that. I think we ran out of luck."

Not that Aghahowa has been a loser financially. He has already earned a three-year contract with Coca-Cola. Just the man to teach the (football) world to sing – and for a long time to come.

Keir Radnedge

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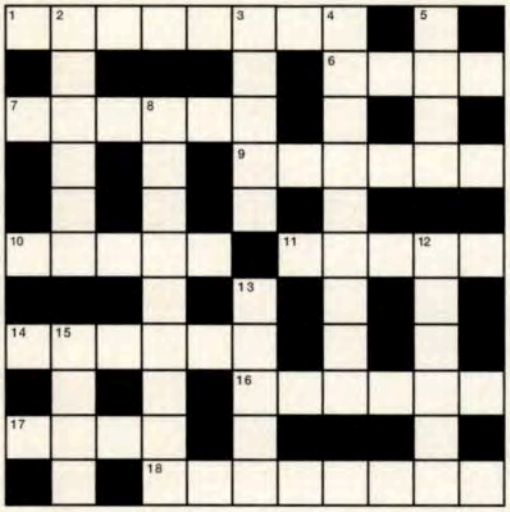

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NAPIER CITY ROVERS completed their second domestic double in seven years when taking the Chatham Cup with a 4-1 victory over Central United.

United rarely got a look in from the moment Man of the Match Jimmy Cudd opened Rovers' account after 15 minutes with a stunning long-range strike. Chris McIvor put Napier two ahead four minutes later when Scott Pilcher found him with a superb pass and he spectacularly hammered the ball into the roof of Central's net. Then English import Ricky Ravenhill (on loan from Barnsley) added a simple goal in the 36th minute as the Aucklanders' defence fell apart.

Stephen Mack gave Central brief hopes of a revival as he slotted home early in the second period, but his side's chances evaporated when veteran striker Fred De Jong was sent off for a second bookable offence. Rovers substitute Leon Birnie rounded off the scoring with his first touch of the game.

The first leg of the double proved much harder to achieve. In the National Club Championship Final, University-Mount Wellington, League leaders at the end of the regular season, succumbed only after a penalty shoot-out following 120 tense, goalless minutes.

Three days earlier, Napier had defeated Dunedin Technical 3-0 in a replayed semi-final. This match was staged on the orders of New Zealand Soccer because of Technical's legitimate claim that they would have been victorious in the original tie had the referee been aware of the competition's golden goal rule.

But given just 48 hours to prepare for the return clash, the South Islanders mounted a feeble challenge. To compound the dismay of Dunedin soccer fans, another team from the city, Caversham, were beaten 3-2 by Metro in the championship's promotion-relegation decider. Thus Metro, bottom of the 2000 National Championship table, retain their place for next year.

Paul Moon

PAPUA NEW GUINEA

Unitech take the prize

LOCAL teams dominated the national club championship, staged in Lae, and two of them, Lae Unitech and Lae Guria, met in the Final.

Guria opened the scoring in the 10th minute when an inswinging corner from Alwin Nema created confusion among the students' rearguard and John Kaling calmly sidefooted home.

Unitech, who were making their national championship debut this year, equalised on the half-hour through captain George Winaulin's drive.

Winaulin then put his side ahead early in the second half, only for Unitech to concede after keeper Philip Mondo misjudged the flight of a shot from substitute Duen Suri.

But Unitech shook off this setback, creating numerous chances before Winaulin set up the winner, scored by Jerry Kagrup, with a defence-splitting through ball.

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Half-baked, half-hearted FIFA suggested that, where a player like Kanu was over 23, his country might like to release him. If that was their drift, then why didn't they have the courage of their convictions, go the whole way, and allow clubs to decide whether or not they'd let a player over 23 go to the Olympic Games?

Gold hunters...Mark Viduka and Celestine Babayaro clash in Sydney

You might well ask what over-age players were doing there, anyway, in essentially Under-23 teams, but then what is football doing in the Olympics, anyway? Well, we know, really, don't we? Making money. Athletics – that competition between chemists as I once heard a former gold medal sprinter, Livio Berruti, call them – don't make as much money out of the Games, despite their notional centrality, as soccer.

That is why the ineffable Juan Samaranch, the Olympics' equivalent of Joao Havelange, was not long ago impertinently trying to persuade FIFA to let countries enter their full national teams – as, indeed, the Iron Curtain countries did for so many years, even when the Olympics were allegedly for amateurs.

Western Europe first got to know about Ferenc Puskas' wonderful Hungarian team when they won the Olympic tournament of 1952 in Helsinki. The following year, of course, they came to England and thrashed their hosts 6-3 at Wembley. I have especially happy memories of the 1960 tournament in Rome, when a genuinely amateur Great Britain team held the all-professional Italy Under-21 team to a draw.

The Italians, with sleight of hand, decided that since none of their players could officially turn pro until they were over 21, those under that age must be...amateurs! So it was that the likes of Gianni Rivera, then only 16, Giovanni Trapattoni and Tarcisio Burgnich all played. Though to be fair, at least, unlike the Eastern European players, they were youngsters. The only hindrance on the communist countries by that time was that players who had taken part in the previous World Cup were ineligible.

Now, with professionals permitted, the wheel has come full circle. For it was precisely because Olympic football had become a plainly professional tournament by the early 1920s – Uruguay won the title in 1924 and 1928, and the first World Cup with much the same team in 1930 – that the major competition was initiated.

What's gone wrong?...Vialli contemplates failure

Luca found wanting

GOODBYE, Gianluca Vialli. Ken Bates splashed crocodile tears all over Chelsea's match programme for the dreary UEFA Cup tie against St Gallen, but the verdict had long since gone against Vialli.

He made some ludicrous decisions, such as leaving Dennis Wise out of the team against Lazio, at home, humiliating Gianfranco Zola at the home game against Spurs, defending rather than attacking in the first half against Barcelona at Camp Nou. It is ironical that he should have been sacked a couple of days before the St Gallen match. In 1989, playing for Sampdoria in a friendly at St Gallen, he flattened an opponent with an elbow, remarking that if a referee didn't protect you, then you had to look after yourself.

Vialli, in fact, had a violent past. In 1992 he was dropped from the Italy squad after elbowing Apolloni of Parma. Some years earlier he had knocked out the Luxembourg defender Weis, who had maltreated him, shouting: "Ti uccido!" (I'll kill you), fortunately to be restrained before worse could supervene.

After drawing at Aston Villa at the end of August, he came out with a stream of nonsense, blaming an allegedly hostile press, but remarking that the players didn't read the papers, anyway. Will he really become manager of Juventus? And if he does, what will happen? Will he be ready to answer questions?

And now Claudio Ranieri, who did so well at Cagliari, Fiorentina, and Valencia but foundered at Atletico Madrid. He'll have a task to turn things around, but Zola and Hasselbaink know him well.

What's the matter, Blatter?

GUTLESS is as gutless does. Sepp Blatter has been tried in the balance and found pathetically wanting. The man who somehow – we still really don't know why – overturned Lennart Johansson's seemingly impregnable lead to become FIFA president, who in the past had advocated enlarging the goals, and the kick-in rather than the throw-in, abjectly surrendered under pressure from the European Community to abolish the transfer system.

True, the European law was not, as we know, on his or football's side, but it had not been applied since the distant signing of the ill-starred Treaty of Rome.

Can you imagine Stanley Rous surrendering so pitifully without a fight or Artemio Franchi, that arch 'diplomat' – so they called him in Italy – failing to resist to the last clause and comma?

We must, I suppose, be grateful for small mercies; such as Tony Blair jumping on the bandwagon. If he and German Chancellor Gerhard Schroeder can make enough fuss, perhaps something can be achieved before football falls into chaos.

Remembering Derek Dooley

IN FEBRUARY 1953, the short and extraordinary career of Derek Dooley came to a brutal end. At Deepdale, where the 6ft 2in, 13st 8lb centre-forward was playing for Sheffield Wednesday against Preston North End, inside-forward Albert Quixall played a long ball through the middle, which Dooley chased with typical courage, knowing he had no better than an even chance of beating keeper George Thompson to it. In the event, Thompson crashed into him, breaking his leg.

Dooley might still have been able to resume playing, adding to the 46 goals he had scored in the previous season's Second Division and his tally of 16 that season in Division One.

Alas, a chemical which Preston had put on their pitch found its way into a cut he had received earlier in the match. He was just about to be released from a Preston hospital when, by the grace of God, a nurse, asked to sign his plaster cast, noticed there was no feeling in his toes. In fact, gas gangrene was racing up his leg and the doctors amputated it just in time to save his life.

Buccaneer...Derek Dooley

The story is recounted in his recent autobiography, *Dooley!*, published by a local press. It is essentially a book for consenting adults in Sheffield, grotesquely over-detailed, recalling in excessive detail obscure matches of the 1950s.

Yet the story, in essence, is heartening and endearing. Dooley, often criticised – though also defended – for his buccaneering style, was something of a phenomenon. In these days of compensation and ambulance chasing, a player who suffered such an appalling injury would have sued Preston almost into extinction. Dooley, clearly, never thought of it.

Instead, he got on with his life with exemplary lack of self-pity, dabbling in sports journalism until he was brought back by Eric Taylor, the Wednesday manager, to play various official roles. Later, he would cross town to join Sheffield United, where he was eventually made team manager, and worked resiliently through escalating crises until he was effectively sabotaged. Even then, he and his resourceful career was not finished, for he has been made chairman of the club.

One of the anecdotes I relished was that which involved Ernie Gregory, then the West Ham United goalkeeper. "They don't bump Ernie Gregory," Reg Drury, most knowledgeable of English football writers, used to say. Dooley was once, at Upton Park, unwise enough to hold Gregory down when both were on the ground, enabling a colleague to score. In the return game at Hillsborough, Dooley came off the field with his shirt torn and stud marks on his chest.

Oh, no. They didn't bump Ernie Gregory. Not with impunity.

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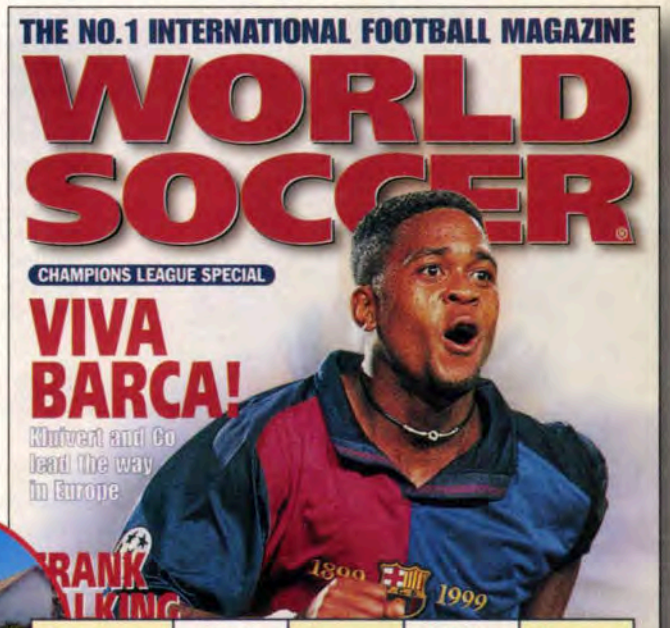

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